# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

In re:	) Chapter 11
COMPUTE NORTH HOLDINGS, INC., et al., 1	) Case No. 22-90273 (MI)
Debtors.	)
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# DISCLOSURE STATEMENT FOR THE JOINT LIQUIDATING CHAPTER 11 PLAN OF COMPUTE NORTH HOLDINGS, INC. AND ITS DEBTOR AFFILIATES

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The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, include: Compute North Holdings, Inc. (4534); Compute North LLC (7185); CN Corpus Christi LLC (5551); CN Atoka LLC (4384); CN Big Spring LLC (4397); CN Colorado Bend LLC (4610); CN Developments LLC (2570); CN Equipment LLC (6885); CN King Mountain LLC (7190); CN Minden LLC (3722); CN Mining LLC (5223); CN Pledgor LLC (9871); Compute North Member LLC (8639); Compute North NC08 LLC (8069); Compute North NY09 LLC (5453); Compute North SD, LLC (1501); Compute North Texas LLC (1883); Compute North TX06 LLC (5921); and Compute North TX10 LLC (4238). The Debtors' service address for the purposes of these chapter 11 cases is 7575 Corporate Way, Eden Prairie, Minnesota 55344.

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# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

# **DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, DATED NOVEMBER 23, 2022**

THE DEBTORS ARE PROVIDING THE INFORMATION IN THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT TO CERTAIN HOLDERS OF CLAIMS AND INTERESTS FOR PURPOSES OF SOLICITING VOTES TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE DEBTORS' PLAN PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 11 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE (THIS "DISCLOSURE STATEMENT"). NOTHING IN THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT MAY BE RELIED UPON OR USED BY ANY ENTITY FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE. PRIOR TO DECIDING WHETHER AND HOW TO VOTE ON THE PLAN, EACH HOLDER ENTITLED TO VOTE SHOULD CAREFULLY CONSIDER ALL OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, INCLUDING THE RISK FACTORS DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE VIII HEREIN.

IT IS THE DEBTORS' OPINION THAT CONFIRMATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE DEBTORS' ESTATES, CREDITORS, AND INTEREST HOLDERS. THEREFORE, THE DEBTORS RECOMMEND THAT ALL PERSONS ENTITLED TO VOTE ON THE PLAN VOTE TO ACCEPT THE PLAN.

IF YOU WANT TO VOTE ON THE PLAN, THE SOLICITATION AGENT MUST RECEIVE YOUR BALLOT FOR VOTING TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE PLAN ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 4, 2023, AT 4:00 P.M., PREVAILING CENTRAL TIME (THE "VOTING DEADLINE").

THE VOTING RECORD DATE FOR DETERMINING WHICH HOLDERS OF CLAIMS MAY VOTE ON THE PLAN IS NOVEMBER 29, 2022 (THE "VOTING RECORD DATE").

A HEARING TO CONSIDER FINAL APPROVAL OF THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND CONFIRMATION OF THE PLAN (THE "COMBINED HEARING") WILL BE HELD BEFORE THE HONORABLE MARVIN ISGUR, UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE, IN COURTROOM 404 OF THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHER DISTRICT OF TEXAS, 415 RUSK, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002, ON [JANUARY 9], 2023, AT [•]:00 [•].M., PREVAILING CENTRAL TIME. THE COMBINED HEARING MAY BE ADJOURNED OR CONTINUED FROM TIME TO TIME BY THE BANKRUPTCY COURT OR THE DEBTORS WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE OTHER THAN AS INDICATED IN ANY NOTICE OR AGENDA OF MATTERS SCHEDULED FOR A PARTICULAR HEARING THAT IS FILED WITH THE BANKRUPTCY COURT OR BY ANNOUNCEMENT IN OPEN COURT.

ANY OBJECTIONS TO CONFIRMATION OF THE PLAN MUST BE SERVED AND FILED ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 4, 2023, AT 4:00 P.M., PREVAILING CENTRAL TIME (THE "OBJECTION DEADLINE").

PLEASE READ THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND THE PLAN IN THEIR ENTIRETY. A COPY OF THE PLAN IS ATTACHED HERETO AS <u>EXHIBIT A</u>. THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT SUMMARIZES THE MATERIAL TERMS OF THE PLAN, BUT SUCH SUMMARY IS QUALIFIED IN ITS ENTIRETY BY THE ACTUAL TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF THE PLAN. ACCORDINGLY, IF THERE ARE ANY INCONSISTENCIES BETWEEN THE PLAN AND THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, THE TERMS OF THE PLAN SHALL CONTROL.

THE DEBTORS URGE EACH HOLDER OF A CLAIM OR AN INTEREST TO CONSULT WITH ITS OWN ADVISORS WITH RESPECT TO ANY LEGAL, FINANCIAL, SECURITIES, TAX, OR BUSINESS ADVICE IN REVIEWING THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, THE PLAN, AND ALL OF THE ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE PLAN. FURTHERMORE, THE BANKRUPTCY COURT'S APPROVAL OF THE ADEQUACY OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT DOES NOT CONSTITUTE THE BANKRUPTCY COURT'S APPROVAL OF THE PLAN.

THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT HAS BEEN PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1125 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE, BANKRUPTCY RULE 3016(B), THE PROCEDURES FOR COMPLEX CASES IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS (EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2021) AND IS NOT NECESSARILY IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL OR STATE SECURITIES LAWS OR OTHER SIMILAR LAWS.

THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT WAS NOT FILED WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE AUTHORITY AND NEITHER THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION NOR ANY STATE AUTHORITY HAS PASSED UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT OR UPON THE MERITS OF THE PLAN.

IF THE PLAN IS CONFIRMED BY THE BANKRUPTCY COURT AND THE EFFECTIVE DATE OCCURS, ALL HOLDERS OF CLAIMS AND INTERESTS (INCLUDING THOSE HOLDERS OF CLAIMS OR INTERESTS WHO DO NOT SUBMIT BALLOTS TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE PLAN, OR WHO ARE NOT ENTITLED TO VOTE ON THE PLAN) WILL BE BOUND BY THE TERMS OF THE PLAN AND ANY TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED THEREBY.

#### **DISCLAIMER**

This Disclosure Statement contains, among other things, summaries of the Plan, certain statutory provisions, and certain anticipated events in the Chapter 11 Cases. Although the Debtors believe that these summaries are fair and accurate, these summaries are qualified in their entirety to the extent that they do not set forth the entire text of such documents or statutory provisions or every detail of such anticipated events. In the event of any inconsistency or discrepancy between a description in this Disclosure Statement and the terms and provisions of the Plan or any other documents incorporated herein by reference, the Plan or such other documents will govern for all

purposes. Factual information contained in this Disclosure Statement has been provided by the Debtors' management except where otherwise specifically noted.

This Disclosure Statement contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of section 27a and section 21e of the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). Such statements may contain words such as "may," "will," "might," "expect," "believe," "anticipate," "could," "would," "estimate," "continue," "pursue," or the negative thereof or comparable terminology, and may include, without limitation, information regarding the Debtors' expectations with respect to future events. Forward-looking statements are inherently uncertain and are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ from those expressed or implied in this Disclosure Statement and the forward-looking statements contained herein. Making investment decisions based on the information contained in this Disclosure Statement and/or the Plan is, therefore, speculative.

In preparing this Disclosure Statement, the Debtors relied on financial data derived from their books and records or that was otherwise made available to them at the time of such preparation and on various assumptions regarding the Debtors' businesses. Although the Debtors believe that such financial information fairly reflects the financial condition of the Debtors as of the date hereof and that the assumptions regarding future events reflect reasonable business judgments, no representations or warranties are made as to the accuracy of the financial information contained herein or assumptions regarding the Debtors' businesses. The Debtors expressly caution readers not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements contained herein. This Disclosure Statement does not constitute, and may not be construed as, an admission of fact, liability, stipulation, or waiver. The Debtors or the Plan Administrator may seek to investigate, file, and prosecute Claims and may object to Claims after the Confirmation or Effective Date of the Plan irrespective of whether this Disclosure Statement identifies any such Claims or objections to Claims.

The statements contained in this Disclosure Statement are made only as of the date of this Disclosure Statement, and there can be no assurance that the statements contained herein will be correct at any time after this date. Although the Debtors may subsequently update the information in this Disclosure Statement, the Debtors have no affirmative duty to do so, except as otherwise provided in the Plan or in accordance with applicable law. The information contained in this Disclosure Statement, including the information regarding the history, businesses, and operations of the Debtors and their non-Debtor affiliates, the financial information regarding the Debtors and the liquidation analyses relating to the Debtors, is included for purposes of soliciting acceptances of the Plan, but, as to contested matters and adversary proceedings, is not to be construed as an admission or stipulation, but rather as a statement made in settlement negotiations as part of the Debtors' attempt to settle and resolve claims and controversies pursuant to the Plan. This Disclosure Statement will not be admissible in any non-bankruptcy proceeding, nor will it be construed to be conclusive advice on the tax, securities, or other legal effects of the Plan as to Holders of Claims against, or Interests in, either the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors. The Debtors do not represent or warrant that the information contained herein or attached hereto is without any material inaccuracy or omission. Except where specifically noted, the financial information contained in this Disclosure Statement and the exhibits hereto has not been audited by a certified public accountant and has not been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States.

The Debtors have not authorized any Person or Entity in connection with this Disclosure Statement, the Plan, or the Solicitation to give any information or make any representation or statement regarding this Disclosure Statement, the Plan or the Solicitation, in each case, other than that which is contained in this Disclosure Statement and the exhibits hereto or as otherwise incorporated by reference or referred to herein. If any such information, representation, or statement is given or made, it may not be relied upon as having been authorized by the Debtors.

Certain of the information contained in this Disclosure Statement is by its nature forward looking and contains estimates, assumptions and projections that may be materially different from actual future results. The words "believe," "may," "will," "estimate," "continue," "anticipate," "intend," "expect," and similar expressions identify these forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are subject to a number of risks, uncertainties and assumptions, including those described in <a href="Article VIII">Article VIII</a>, "Risk Factors." Moreover, Confirmation and Consummation of the Plan are subject to certain material conditions precedent described in Section X of the Plan. There is no assurance that the Plan will be confirmed or, if confirmed, that such material conditions precedent will be satisfied or waived. In light of these risks and uncertainties, the forward-looking events and circumstances discussed in this Disclosure Statement may not occur, and actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in the forward-looking statements. Except as required by law, the Debtors disclaim any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.

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#### INTRODUCTION

This document and the accompanying materials (this "<u>Disclosure Statement</u>") provides information, pursuant to section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code, regarding the *Joint Liquidating Chapter 11 Plan of Compute North Holdings, Inc. and Its Debtor Affiliates* (including all exhibits and schedules attached thereto, and as may be amended, altered, modified or supplemented from time to time, the "<u>Plan</u>"), dated November 23, 2022, filed by Compute North Holdings, Inc ("<u>Holdings</u>", and together with its above-captioned affiliates as debtors and debtors in possession, "<u>Compute North</u>" or the "<u>Debtors</u>"). A copy of the Plan is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u>. The rules of interpretation set forth in Section 1 of the Plan shall govern the interpretation of this Disclosure Statement.

The purpose of this Disclosure Statement is to provide information of a kind, and in sufficient detail, to enable creditors of the Debtors that are entitled to vote on the Plan to make an informed decision on whether to vote to accept or reject the Plan, as required under section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code. Holders of Claims entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan will receive a Ballot together with this Disclosure Statement to enable them to vote on the Plan in accordance with the voting instructions and make any other elections or certifications required pursuant to the Plan.

The Plan constitutes a liquidating Chapter 11 plan for the Debtors and provides for Distribution of the Debtors' Assets already liquidated or to be liquidated over time to Holders of Allowed Claims in accordance with the terms of the Plan and the priority provisions of the Bankruptcy Code. The Plan contemplates the appointment of a Plan Administrator to implement the terms of the Plan and make Distributions in accordance with its terms. Except as otherwise provided by Order of the Bankruptcy Court, Distributions will occur at various intervals after the Effective Date as determined by the Plan Administrator in accordance with the Plan.

The primary objective of the Plan is to maximize the value of recoveries to all Holders of Allowed Claims and Allowed Interests and to distribute all property of the Estates that is or becomes available for distribution generally in accordance with the priorities established by the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtors believe that the Plan accomplishes this objective and is in the best interest of the Estates and therefore seek to confirm the Plan. As described below, only holders of Class 3 General Unsecured Claims, Class 4 Parent GUC Claims, Class 7 Preferred Equity Interests and Class 8 Parent Equity Interests are entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

The Debtors are seeking the Bankruptcy Court's approval of the Plan. Section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code requires a debtor to prepare a disclosure statement containing information of a kind, and in sufficient detail, to enable a hypothetical reasonable investor to make an informed judgment regarding acceptance of that chapter 11 plan. The Debtors submit this Disclosure Statement in accordance with such requirements. This Disclosure Statement includes the following information:

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined in this Disclosure Statement shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Plan.

- an overview of the Plan (Article I);
- the indebtedness of the Debtors and information regarding pending claims and administrative expenses (Article I);
- an overview of voting procedures and requirements (Article II);
- an overview of the operation of the Debtors' business (Article III);
- a disclaimer indicating that no statements or information concerning the Debtors or their assets or securities are authorized other than those set forth in the Disclosure Statement (Disclaimer);
- a discussion of key events leading to the commencement of the Debtors' bankruptcy cases (Article IV);
- a discussion of the material developments and events of the Chapter 11 Cases (Article V);
- a discussion of the transactions contemplated by, and other key aspects of, the Plan (Article VI);
- requirements for confirmation of the Plan (Article VII.B);
- risk factors associated with the Plan (Article VIII);
- tax consequences of the Plan (Article IX).

Subject to the restrictions on modifications set forth in section 1127 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 9019, the Debtors expressly reserve the right to alter, amend or modify the Plan one or more times before substantial consummation thereof.

# ARTICLE I. THE PLAN

Generally speaking, the Plan: (a) provides for the full and final resolution of all Claims against and Interests in the Debtors; (b) contemplates the appointment of a Plan Administrator to (i) market and sell any remaining assets of the Debtors and otherwise wind-down the Debtors' businesses and affairs; (ii) pay and reconcile Claims; and (iii) administer the Plan in an efficacious manner; (c) provides for Cash distributions in accordance with the Plan; and (d) pays Allowed Administrative Claims and Allowed Priority Claims. The Debtors believe that Confirmation of the Plan will maximize the value of the Debtors' remaining assets, and will avoid the lengthy delay and additional cost of liquidation under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code. The key components of the Plan are summarized below, including the proposed treatment of Claims and Interests under the Plan.

# A. General Settlement of Claims and Interests.

Pursuant to section 1123 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 9019, and in consideration for the classification, distributions, releases, and other benefits provided under the Plan, on the Effective Date, the provisions of the Plan will constitute a good-faith compromise and settlement of all Claims, Interests, and controversies resolved pursuant to the Plan.

In that regard, the Plan offers to release claims and Causes of Action that the Debtors may have against Holders of Claims and Interests, provided that (1) such Holders of Claims and Interests vote to accept the Plan or are deemed to accept the Plan, (2) such Holders of Claims and Interests abstain from voting on the Plan and do not affirmatively opt out of the releases set forth in the Plan by checking the box on the applicable form indicating that they opt not to grant the releases provided in the Plan, and do not object to the Plan, or (3) such Holders of Claims and Interests vote to reject the Plan or are deemed to reject the Plan and do not affirmatively opt out of the releases provided by the Plan by checking the box on the applicable form or ballot indicating that they opt not to grant the releases provided in the Plan; *provided, however*, that any Entity or Affiliate of an Entity that is identified on the Schedule of Retained Causes of Action will not be a Released Party under the Plan.

The Plan is deemed to be a motion to approve the good faith compromise and settlement of all such Claims, Interests, Causes of Action and controversies pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019, and the entry of the Confirmation Order shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's approval of such compromise and settlement under section 1123 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 9019, as well as a finding by the Bankruptcy Court that such settlement and compromise is fair, equitable, reasonable and in the best interests of the Debtors and their Estates. Subject to Section 6 of the Plan, all distributions made to Holders of Allowed Claims and Allowed Interests (as applicable) in any Class are intended to be and shall be final.

#### B. Wind-Down Transactions

On the Effective Date, the Debtors will effectuate the Wind-Down Transactions contemplated by the Plan. As a result:

- On the Effective Date, pursuant to sections 1141(b) and (c) of the Bankruptcy Code, the assets of the Debtors shall vest in the Reorganized Debtors for the purpose of winding down the Estates, free and clear of all Liens, Claims, charges, or other encumbrances;
- The Reorganized Debtors shall continue in existence for purposes of (a) winding down the Debtors' business and affairs as expeditiously as reasonably possible consistent with the Wind-Down Budget, (b) resolving Disputed Claims, (c) making distributions on account of Allowed Claims as provided hereunder, (d) funding distributions consistent with the Wind-Down Budget, (e) enforcing and prosecuting claims, interests, rights, and privileges under the Causes of Action on the Schedule of Retained Causes of Action in an efficacious manner and only to the extent the benefits of such enforcement or prosecution are reasonably believed to outweigh the costs associated therewith,

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- (f) filing appropriate tax returns, (g) complying with its continuing obligations under the Plan, the Confirmation Order, the Asset Purchase Agreement, if any, and (h) administering the Plan in an efficacious manner; and
- On the Effective Date, the Plan Administrator shall be appointed and shall be authorized to administer, liquidate and monetize the Debtors' Estates and distribute the Wind-Down Distributable Cash, in accordance with the Plan and the Plan Administrator Agreement.

#### C. Unclassified Claims

# 1. Unclassified Claims Summary

Claim	Plan Treatment	Projected Plan Recovery
Administrative Expense Claims	Paid in full	100%
Professional Fee Claims	Paid in full	100%
Priority Tax Claims	Paid in full	100%

#### 2. Unclassified Claims Details

#### a. Administrative Claims

Subject to the provisions of sections 327, 330(a), and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code, except to the extent that a Holder of an Allowed Administrative Claim and, as applicable, the Debtors or the Plan Administrator agree to less favorable treatment or has been paid by any applicable Debtor prior to the Effective Date, the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors shall pay each Holder of an Allowed Administrative Claim the full unpaid amount of such Allowed Administrative Claim in Cash: (1) if an Administrative Claim is Allowed on or prior to the Effective Date, on the Effective Date or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter (or, if not then due, when such Allowed Administrative Claim is due or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter); (2) if an Administrative Claim is Allowed after the Effective Date, on the date such Administrative Claim is Allowed or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter (or, if not then due, when such Allowed Administrative Claim is due) with a Cash distribution from the Administrative and Priority Claims Reserve by the Plan Administrator; (3) at such time and upon such terms as may be agreed upon by such Holder and the Debtors or the Plan Administrator, as applicable; or (4) at such time and upon such terms as set forth in an order of the Bankruptcy Court; provided that any Administrative Claim that has been assumed by any non-Debtor Entity in connection with an Asset Sale shall not be an obligation of the Debtors under the Plan.

#### **b.** Professional Fee Claims

All final requests for payment of Professional Fee Claims for services rendered and reimbursement of expenses incurred prior to the Effective Date must be Filed no later than forty-five days after the Effective Date. The Bankruptcy Court shall determine the Allowed amounts of such Professional Fee Claims after notice and a hearing in accordance with the procedures established by the Bankruptcy Court. The Reorganized Debtors shall pay Professional Fee Claims in Cash in the amount the Bankruptcy Court allows, including from the Professional Fee Escrow Account. The Reorganized Debtors will establish the Professional Fee Escrow Account in trust

for the Professionals and fund such account with Cash equal to the Professional Fee Amount on the Effective Date.

# c. Priority Tax Claims

Except to the extent that a holder of an Allowed Priority Tax Claim agrees to a less favorable treatment, in full and final satisfaction, settlement, release, and discharge of and in exchange for each Allowed Priority Tax Claim, each holder of such Allowed Priority Tax Claim shall be treated in accordance with the terms set forth in section 1129(a)(9)(C) of the Bankruptcy Code and, for the avoidance of doubt, Holders of Allowed Priority Tax Claims will receive interest on such Allowed Priority Tax Claims after the Effective Date in accordance with sections 511 and 1129(a)(9)(C) of the Bankruptcy Code.

# d. Post-Confirmation Fees and Expenses

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan, from and after the Confirmation Date, the Debtors shall, in the ordinary course of business and without any further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court, pay in Cash the reasonable and documented legal, professional, or other fees and expenses related to implementation of the Plan and Consummation incurred by the Debtors. Upon the Effective Date, any requirement that Professionals comply with sections 327 through 331, 363, and 1103 of the Bankruptcy Code in seeking retention or compensation for services rendered after such date shall terminate, and the Debtors may employ and pay any Professional in the ordinary course of business without any further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court.

#### D. Classified Claims and Interests

# 1. Classified Claims and Interests Summary

The Plan establishes a comprehensive classification of Claims and Interests. The table below summarizes the classification, treatment, and voting rights of the Claims and Interests, by Class, under the Plan.

Class	Claims and Interests	Status	Voting Rights
Class 1	Secured Claims	Unimpaired	Not Entitled to Vote (Deemed to Accept)
Class 2	Other Priority Claims	Unimpaired	Not Entitled to Vote (Deemed to Accept)
Class 3	General Unsecured Claims	Impaired	Entitled to Vote
Class 4	Parent GUC Claims	Impaired	Entitled to Vote
Class 5	Intercompany Claims	Impaired	Not Entitled to Vote (Deemed to Reject)
Class 6	Intercompany Interests	Impaired	Not Entitled to Vote (Deemed to Reject)

Class	Claims and Interests	Status	Voting Rights
Class 7	Preferred Equity Interests	Impaired	Entitled to Vote
Class 8	Parent Equity Interests	Impaired	Entitled to Vote

# 2. Recovery Analysis

In developing the Plan, the Debtors gave due consideration to various restructuring alternatives. The Debtors conducted a review of their current operations, prospects as an ongoing business, financial projections, and estimated recoveries in a chapter 7 liquidation scenario. The Debtors believe that any alternative to Confirmation, such as a chapter 7 liquidation, would result in significantly less value available for distribution to its creditors, as demonstrated by the Liquidation Analysis, attached as **Exhibit B** to this Disclosure Statement.

#### 3. Classified Claims and Interests Details

Each Holder of an Allowed Claim or Allowed Interest, as applicable, shall receive under the Plan the treatment described below in full and final satisfaction, settlement, release, and discharge of and in exchange for such Holder's Allowed Claim or Allowed Interest, except to the extent different treatment is agreed to by the Reorganized Debtors and such Holder. Unless otherwise indicated, the holder of an Allowed Claim or Allowed Interest, as applicable, shall receive such treatment on the later of the Effective Date and the date such Claim or Interest becomes an Allowed Claim or an Allowed Interest, as applicable, or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter.

#### a. Class 1 – Secured Claims

- (i) Classification: Class 1 consists of all Secured Claims.
- (ii) Treatment: Except to the extent that a Holder of an Allowed Secured Claim agrees in writing to less *favorable* treatment, in exchange for the full and final satisfaction, settlement, release, and discharge of its Secured Claim, each holder of an Allowed Secured Claim shall receive, at the option of the applicable Debtor or Reorganized Debtor: (i) payment in full in Cash; (ii) Reinstatement of such Claim; (iii) the Debtor's interest in the Collateral securing such Holder's Allowed Secured Claim; or (iv) such other treatment rendering such Claim Unimpaired.
- (iii) <u>Voting</u>: Class 1 is Unimpaired under the Plan. Holders of Secured Claims are conclusively deemed to have accepted the Plan pursuant to section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code. Therefore, Holders of Secured Claims are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

# b. Class 2 – Other Priority Claims

- (i) <u>Classification</u>: Class 2 consists of all Other Priority Claims.
- (ii) Treatment: Except to the extent that a Holder of an Allowed Other Priority Claim agrees in writing to less favorable treatment, in exchange for the full and final satisfaction, settlement, release, and discharge of its Other Priority Claim, each holder of an Allowed Other Priority Claim shall receive, at the option of the applicable Debtor or Reorganized Debtor: (i) payment in full in Cash; or (ii) such other treatment rendering such Claim Unimpaired.
- (iii) <u>Voting</u>: Class 2 is Unimpaired under the Plan. Holders of Other Priority Claims are conclusively deemed to have accepted the Plan pursuant to section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code. Therefore, Holders of Other Priority Claims are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

#### c. Class 3 – General Unsecured Claims

- (i) <u>Classification</u>: Class 3 consists of all General Unsecured Claims.
- Treatment: On the Effective Date, each General Unsecured (ii) Claim shall be discharged and released, and each Holder of a General Unsecured Claim shall be entitled to receive its Pro Rata Share of the Wind-Down Distributable Cash remaining after satisfaction of all Allowed Administrative Claims, Allowed Priority Tax Claims, and Allowed Claims in Class 1 and Class 2, on account of such General Unsecured Claim, to be distributed by the Distribution Agent on the applicable Distribution Date in accordance with the Plan until all Allowed General Unsecured Claims in Class 3 are paid in full or the Wind-Down Distributable Cash is exhausted; provided, however, that all Distributions to Holders of Allowed General Unsecured Claims shall be subject to the Plan Administrator first paying in full all operating expenses of the Reorganized Debtors and/or reserving in the Plan Administrator Operating Reserve for such operating expenses as is reasonable and appropriate.
- (iii) <u>Voting</u>: Class 3 is Impaired under the Plan. Holders of General Unsecured Claims are entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan and shall receive Ballots.

# d. Class 4 – Parent GUC Claims

- (i) Classification: Class 4 consists of all Parent GUC Claims.
- Treatment: On the Effective Date, each Parent GUC Claim (ii) shall be discharged and released, and each Holder of a Parent GUC Claim shall be entitled to receive its Pro Rata Share of the Wind-Down Distributable Cash, if any, remaining after satisfaction of all Allowed Administrative Claims, Allowed Priority Tax Claims, and Allowed Claims in Class 1, Class 2, and Class 3, on account of such Parent GUC Claim, to be distributed on the applicable Distribution Date by the Distribution Agent in accordance with the Plan until the Wind-Down Distributable Cash is exhausted; provided, however, that all Distributions to Holders of Allowed Parent GUC Claims shall be subject to the Plan Administrator first paying in full all operating expenses of the Reorganized Debtors and/or reserving in the Plan Administrator Operating Reserve for such operating expenses as is reasonable and appropriate.
- (iii) <u>Voting</u>: Class 4 is Impaired under the Plan. Holders of Parent GUC Claims are entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan and shall receive Ballots.

# e. Class 5 – Intercompany Claims

- (i) <u>Classification</u>: Class 5 consists of all Intercompany Claims.
- (ii) <u>Treatment</u>: On the Effective Date, each Intercompany Claim shall be cancelled, released and extinguished, and each Holder of an Intercompany Claim shall not receive or retain any distribution, property, or other value on account of its Intercompany Claim.
- (iii) <u>Voting</u>: Class 5 is conclusively deemed to have rejected the Plan pursuant to section 1126(g) of the Bankruptcy Code. Holders of Intercompany Claims are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

# f. Class 6 – Intercompany Interests

- (i) <u>Classification</u>: Class 6 consists of all Intercompany Interests.
- (ii) <u>Treatment</u>: On the Effective Date, each Intercompany Interest shall be cancelled, released and extinguished, and each Holder of an Intercompany Interest shall not receive or retain any distribution, property, or other value on account of its Intercompany Interest.

(iii) <u>Voting</u>: Class 6 is conclusively deemed to have rejected the Plan pursuant to section 1126(g) of the Bankruptcy Code. Holders of Intercompany Interests are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

# g. Class 7 – Preferred Equity Interests

- (i) <u>Classification</u>: Class 7 consists of all Preferred Equity Interests.
- Treatment: On the Effective Date, all Preferred Equity (ii) Interests shall be cancelled, released and extinguished, and each Holder of Preferred Equity Interests shall be entitled to receive its Pro Rata Share of the Wind-Down Distributable Cash, if any, remaining after satisfaction of all Allowed Administrative Claims, Allowed Priority Tax Claims, and Allowed Claims in Class 1, Class 2, Class 3, and Class 4, on account of its Preferred Equity Interests, to be distributed on the applicable Distribution Date by the Distribution Agent in accordance with the Plan until the Wind-Down Distributable Cash is exhausted; provided, however, that all Distributions to Holders of Allowed Preferred Equity Interests shall be subject to the Plan Administrator first paying in full all operating expenses of the Reorganized Debtors and/or reserving in the Plan Administrator Operating Reserve for such operating expenses as is reasonable and appropriate.
- (iii) <u>Voting</u>: Class 7 is Impaired under the Plan. Holders of Preferred Equity Interests are entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan and shall receive Ballots.

#### h. Class 8 – Parent Equity Interests

- (i) <u>Classification</u>: Class 8 consists of all Parent Equity Interests.
- (ii) Treatment: On the Effective Date, all Parent Equity Interests shall be cancelled, released, and extinguished, and each Holder of Parent Equity Interests shall be entitled to receive its Pro Rata Share of the Wind-Down Distributable Cash, if any, remaining after satisfaction of all Allowed Administrative Claims, Allowed Priority Tax Claims, and Allowed Claims in Class 1, Class 2, Class 3, Class 4, and Class 7, on account of its Parent Equity Interests, to be distributed on the applicable Distribution Date by the Distribution Agent in accordance with the Plan until the Wind-Down Distributable Cash is exhausted; provided, however, that all Distributions to Holders of Allowed Parent

Equity Interests shall be subject to the Plan Administrator first paying in full all operating expenses of the Reorganized Debtors and/or reserving in the Plan Administrator Operating Reserve for such operating expenses as is reasonable and appropriate.

(iii) <u>Voting</u>: Class 8 is Impaired under the Plan. Holders of Parent Equity Interests are entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan and shall receive Ballots.

# ARTICLE II. VOTING PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS

#### A. Parties Entitled to Vote on the Plan

Pursuant to the Bankruptcy Code, only Classes of Claims that are "impaired" (as defined in section 1124 of the Bankruptcy Code) under the Plan are entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan. A Class is impaired if the legal, equitable, or contractual rights to which the Claims of that Class are modified, other than by curing defaults and reinstating the Claims. Classes that are not impaired are not entitled to vote on the Plan and are conclusively presumed to have accepted the Plan. In addition, Classes that receive no distributions under the Plan are not entitled to vote on the Plan and are deemed to have rejected the Plan.

#### **B.** Classes Entitled to Vote on the Plan

The following Classes are the only Classes entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan (each a "<u>Voting Class</u>");

Class	Claim or Interest	Status
3	General Unsecured Claims	Impaired
4	Parent GUC Claims	Impaired
7	Preferred Equity Interests	Impaired
8	Parent Equity Interests	Impaired

If your Claim or Interest is not included in the Voting Classes, you are not entitled to vote and you will not receive a Solicitation Package, including a Ballot setting forth detailed voting instructions. If your Claim is included in the Voting Classes, you should read your Ballot and carefully follow the instructions included in the Ballot. Please use only the Ballot that accompanies this Disclosure Statement or the Ballot that the Debtors, or the Solicitation Agent (as defined below) on behalf of the Debtors, otherwise provided to you.

# C. Votes Required for Acceptance by a Class

The Bankruptcy Court can confirm the Plan only if it determines that the Plan complies with the technical requirements of chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. One of these technical

requirements is that the Bankruptcy Court find, among other things, that the Plan has been accepted by the requisite votes of all Classes of Impaired Claims unless approval will be sought under section 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy Code in spite of the nonacceptance by one or more such Classes.

Under the Bankruptcy Code, acceptance of a proposed chapter 11 plan by a class of claims or interests is determined by calculating the amount and, if a class of claims, the number, of claims and interests voting to accept, as a percentage of the allowed claims or interests, as applicable, that have voted. Acceptance by a class of claims requires an affirmative vote of the Holders of more than one-half in number of total allowed claims that have voted and an affirmative vote of Holders holding at least two-thirds in dollar amount of the total allowed claims that have voted.

# D. Certain Factors to Be Considered Prior to Voting

There are a variety of factors that all Holders of Claims entitled to vote on the Plan should consider prior to voting to accept or reject the Plan. These factors, which may impact recoveries under the Plan, include the following:

- although the Debtors believe that the Plan complies with all applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtors can neither assure such compliance nor that the Bankruptcy Court will confirm the Plan;
- except as otherwise provided in the Plan, the Debtors reserve the right to object to the amount or classification of any Claim under the Plan. The estimates set forth in this Disclosure Statement cannot be relied upon by any Holder of a Claim where such Claim is subject to an objection. Any Holder of a Claim that is subject to an objection thus may not receive its expected share of the estimated distributions described in this Disclosure Statement;
- the Debtors can make no assurances that the requisite acceptances to the Plan will be received, and the Debtors may need to obtain acceptances to an alternative plan for the Debtors, or otherwise, that may not have the support of the Holders, and/or may be required to liquidate the Estates under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code. There can be no assurance that the terms of any such alternative plan would be similar to or as favorable to Holders as those proposed in the Plan;
- there is a risk that certain parties could oppose and object to either the entirety of the Plan or specific provisions of the Plan. Although the Debtors believe that the Plan complies with all relevant Bankruptcy Code provisions, there can be no guarantee that a party in interest will not file an objection to the Plan or that the Bankruptcy Court will not sustain such an objection; and
- any delays of either Confirmation or the occurrence of Effective Date could result in, among other things, increased Administrative Expense Claims and Professional Fee Claims.

While these factors could affect distributions available to Holders of Allowed Claims under the Plan, the occurrence or impact of such factors will not necessarily affect the validity of the votes of the Voting Classes or necessarily require a re-solicitation of the votes of Holders of Claims in the Voting Classes.

For a further discussion of risk factors, please refer to <u>Article VIII</u>, entitled "Risk Factors" of this Disclosure Statement.

#### E. Classes Not Entitled to Vote on the Plan

Under the Bankruptcy Code, Holders of claims and interests are not entitled to vote if their contractual rights are unimpaired by the proposed plan or if they will receive no property under the plan. If a claim is unimpaired under a proposed plan, section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code deems the holder of such claim to have accepted the plan, and thus, the holders of claims in such unimpaired classes are not entitled to vote on the plan. If a claim or interest is impaired under a proposed plan and will not receive or retain any property under the plan on account of such claims or interests, section 1126(g) of the Bankruptcy Code deems the holder of such claim to have rejected the plan, and thus, the holders of claims in such classes are not entitled to vote on the plan. Accordingly, the following Classes of Claims and Interests are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan:

Class	Claims and Interests	Status	Voting Rights
Class 1	Secured Claims	ns Unimpaired	Not Entitled to Vote
Class I			(Deemed to Accept)
Class 2	Other Priority Claims	Unimpaired	Not Entitled to Vote
Class 2			(Deemed to Accept)
Class 5	Intercompany Claims	ns Impaired	Not Entitled to Vote
Class 3			(Deemed to Reject)
Class 6	Class 6 Intercompany Interests Impaired	I	Not Entitled to Vote
Class 0		(Deemed to Reject)	

#### F. Solicitation Procedures

#### 1. Solicitation

The Debtors retained Epiq Corporate Restructuring, LLC ("<u>Epiq</u>") to act, among other things, as the solicitation agent (the "<u>Solicitation Agent</u>") in connection with the solicitation of votes to accept or reject the Plan.<sup>3</sup>

# 2. Solicitation Package

Pursuant to the Disclosure Statement Order, Holders of Claims who are entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan as of November 29, 2022 (the "Voting Record Date"), will receive

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The Bankruptcy Court entered order authorizing Epiq's retention pursuant to the *Order Authorizing the Employment and Retention of Epiq Corporate Restructuring, LLC as Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent* [Docket No. 15].

appropriate solicitation materials (the "Solicitation Package"), which will include, in part, the following:

- a cover letter;
- the Ballot which includes the option to opt out of certain third party release and applicable voting instructions, together with a preaddressed, postage prepaid return envelope;
- instructions on where they may obtain copies of this Disclosure Statement and Plan (without exhibits, except the Solicitation and Voting Procedures);
- a notice of the Combined Hearing substantially in the form approved by the Bankruptcy Court (the "Combined Hearing Notice"); and
- Such other materials as the Bankruptcy Court may direct.

# 3. Distribution of the Solicitation Package

The Debtors will cause their counsel to distribute the Solicitation Packages (excluding Ballots) to counsel to Holders of Claims in the Voting Classes via electronic mail before 4:00 p.m. prevailing Central Time on December 5, 2022, or as soon as reasonably practical thereafter.

The Solicitation Package (except for the Ballots) may also be obtained from Epiq by (i) visiting https://dm.epiq11.com/computenorthholdings; (ii) writing to Compute North Holdings, Inc., c/o Epiq Ballot Processing, 10300 SW Allen Blvd., Beaverton, OR 97005; and/or (iii) emailing <a href="mailto:ComputeNorthHoldingsInfo@epiqglobal.com">ComputeNorthHoldingsInfo@epiqglobal.com</a> and requesting paper copies of the corresponding materials previously received in electronic format (to be provided at the Debtors' expense).

The Debtors intend to file the Plan Supplement on or before December 28, 2022. If the Plan Supplement is updated or otherwise modified, such modified or updated documents will be made available at https://dm.epiq11.com/computenorthholdings. The Debtors will not serve paper or CD-ROM copies of the Plan Supplement; however, parties may obtain a copy of the Plan Supplement by (i) writing to Compute North Holdings, Inc., c/o Epiq Ballot Processing, 10300 SW Allen Blvd., Beaverton, OR 97005; and/or (ii) emailing ComputeNorthHoldingsInfo@epiqglobal.com and requesting paper copies of the corresponding materials previously received in electronic format (to be provided at the Debtors' expense).

As described above, certain Holders of Claims may not be entitled to vote because they are Unimpaired or are otherwise presumed to accept the Plan under section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code. In addition, certain Holders of Claims and Interests may be Impaired but are receiving no distribution under the Plan, and are therefore deemed to reject the Plan and are not entitled to vote. Such Holders will receive only the Combined Hearing Notice and a Non-Voting Status Notice. The Debtors are only distributing a Solicitation Package, including a Ballot to be used for voting

to accept or reject the Plan, to the Holders of Claims or Interests entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan as of the Voting Record Date.

# **G.** Voting Procedures

If, as of the Voting Record Date, you are a Holder of a Claim in Class 3, Class 4, Class 7 or Class 8 – the Voting Classes – you may vote to accept or reject the Plan in accordance with the Solicitation Procedures by completing the Ballot and returning it using the instructions provided. If your Claim or Interest is not included in a Voting Class you are not entitled to vote and you will not receive a Solicitation Package. Except as otherwise set forth herein, the Voting Record Date and all of the Debtors' solicitation and voting procedures shall apply to all of the Debtors' creditors and other parties in interest.

# 1. Voting Deadline

The Disclosure Statement Order established a deadline to vote on the Plan of January 4, 2023, at 4:00 p.m., prevailing Central Time (the "Voting Deadline"). To be counted as a vote to accept or reject the Plan, a Ballot must be properly executed, completed, and delivered, whether by the e-balloting platform, first class mail, overnight delivery, or personal delivery, so that the Ballot is actually received by Epiq no later than the Voting Deadline.

# 2. Voting Instructions

As described above, the Debtors have retained Epiq to serve as the Solicitation Agent for purposes of the Plan. Epiq is available to answer questions, provide additional copies of all materials, oversee the voting process, and process and tabulate Ballots for each Class entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

#### **BALLOTS**

To be counted as votes to accept or reject the Plan, all ballots (each, a "<u>Ballot</u>") must be completed, properly executed, and returned in the pre-paid, pre-addressed return envelope included in the Solicitation Package or delivered by: (1) first class mail; (2) overnight courier; (3) hand delivery; or (4) via E-Ballot, so that they are <u>actually received</u>, in any case, by the Solicitation Agent by the Voting Deadline, which <u>is January 4, 2023, at 4:00 p.m., prevailing Central Time</u>. The Debtors may extend the Voting Deadline, in their discretion, without further order of the Bankruptcy Court.

If by First Class Mail:	If by Hand Delivery or Overnight Mail:
Compute North Holdings, Inc., et al.	Compute North Holdings, Inc., et al.
c/o Epiq Ballot Processing	c/o Epiq Ballot Processing
P.O. Box 4422	10300 SW Allen Blvd.
Beaverton, OR 97076-4422	Beaverton, OR 97005

<u>To submit your Ballot</u> via Solicitation Agent's online balloting portal, visit https://dm.epiq11.com/computenorthholdings. Click on the "E-Ballot" section of the website and follow the instructions to submit your Ballot.

The Solicitation Agent's online balloting portal is the sole manner in which Ballots will be accepted via electronic or online transmission. Ballots submitted by facsimile, email or other means of electronic transmission will not be counted.

More detailed instructions regarding the procedures for voting on the Plan are contained in the Ballots distributed to Holders of Claims that are entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan. All votes to accept or reject the Plan must be cast by using the appropriate Ballot. All Ballots must be properly executed, completed, and delivered according to their applicable voting instructions by: (a) first class mail, in the return envelope provided with each Ballot; (b) overnight courier; (c) hand-delivery, or (d) using the e-balloting platform so that the Ballots are actually received by Epiq no later than the Voting Deadline at the return address or e-balloting address set forth in the applicable Ballot. Any Ballot that is properly executed by the Holder of a Claim entitled to vote that does not clearly indicate an acceptance or rejection of the Plan or that indicates both an acceptance and a rejection of the Plan will not be counted.

Each Holder of a Claim entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan may cast only one Ballot for each Claim in a Voting Class held by such Holder. By signing and returning a Ballot, each Holder of a Claim entitled to vote will certify to the Bankruptcy Court and the Debtors that no other Ballots with respect to such Claim have been cast or, if any other Ballots have been cast with respect to such Claim, such earlier Ballots are superseded and revoked.

All Ballots will be accompanied by postage prepaid return envelopes. It is important to follow the specific instructions provided on each Ballot, as failing to do so may result in your Ballot not being counted.

As described more fully on the applicable Ballots and Non-Voting Status Notice, Holders who are entitled to vote on the Plan may opt out of the third party release provided in Section IX of the Plan by (a) checking the box on the Ballot and (b) voting to reject the Plan or abstaining from voting on the Plan, and with respect to non-Voting Classes, by submitting the form attached to the Non-Voting Status Notice. If a Holder votes to accept the Plan, such Holder will be deemed to consent to the third party release, even if such Holder elects to opt out of the third party release. The election to withhold consent to grant such release is at such Holder's option. Likewise, any such Holder that votes to accept or reject the Plan and submits a Ballot without checking the box to opt out of the third party release will be deemed to consent to the third party release. Accordingly, the Debtors urge Holders permitted to vote on the Plan to thoroughly and carefully read their Ballots, including their right to opt out of the third party release.

The Debtors urge you to consult your own advisors regarding the proposed releases set forth in the Plan.

#### 3. Ballots Not Counted

The following Ballots shall not be counted in determining the acceptance or rejection of the Plan: (a) any Ballot that is illegible or contains insufficient information to permit the identification of the Holder of such Claim; (b) any Ballot cast by any Entity that does not hold a Claim in a Voting Class; (c) any Ballot cast for a Claim scheduled as unliquidated, contingent, or disputed for which no Proof of Claim was timely Filed; provided that if the applicable Claims Bar Date has not expired prior to the Voting Record Date, a Claim listed in the Schedules as contingent, disputed, or unliquidated shall be allowed to vote only in the amount of \$1.00; (d) any unsigned Ballot or Ballot lacking an original signature (for the avoidance of doubt, a Ballot cast via the E-Ballot portal shall be deemed to contain an original signature); (e) any Ballot not marked to accept or reject the Plan or marked both to accept and reject the Plan; and (f) any Ballot submitted by any Entity not entitled to vote pursuant to the procedures described herein. Please refer to the Disclosure Statement Order for additional requirements with respect to voting to accept or reject the Plan.

# 4. Disputed Claims Procedures

The Disclosure Statement Order authorizes the Debtors to temporarily allow Claims against which an objection is pending as of the Voting Record Date in an amount that the Bankruptcy Court deems appropriate for purposes of permitting the Holder of such Claim to vote to accept or reject the Plan. Pursuant to the Solicitation Procedures, if a Claim in a Voting Class is subject to an objection other than a "reduce and allow" objection that is Filed with the Bankruptcy Court not less than ten days before the Voting Deadline: (a) the Debtors shall cause the applicable Holder to be served with a disputed claim notice (which notice shall include the opportunity to opt out of certain third party releases and be served together with such objection); and (b) the applicable Holder shall not be entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan on account of such Claim unless a Resolution Event (as defined below) occurs. The Holder of a Claim in a Voting Class that is the subject of a pending objection on a "reduce and allow" basis shall be entitled to vote such Claim in the reduced amount contained in such objection, *provided that* the applicable Holder may request allowance of such Claim in a different amount for voting purposes by filing a motion under Bankruptcy Rule 3018 so that such motion may be adjudicated or resolved not less than three (3) days prior to the Voting Deadline.

If a Claim in a Voting Class is subject to an objection other than a "reduce and allow" objection that is filed with the Bankruptcy Court fewer than ten days before the Voting Deadline, the applicable Claim shall be deemed temporarily allowed for voting purposes only, without further action by the Holder of such Claim and without further order of the Bankruptcy Court, unless the Bankruptcy Court orders otherwise.

A "Resolution Event" means the occurrence of one or more of the following events no later than three days prior to the Voting Deadline: (a) an order of the Bankruptcy Court is entered allowing such Claim pursuant to section 502(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, after notice and a hearing; (b) an order of the Bankruptcy Court is entered temporarily allowing such Claim for voting purposes only pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 3018(a), after notice and a hearing; (c) a stipulation or other agreement is executed between the Holder of such Claim and the Debtors resolving the objection and allowing such Claim in an agreed upon amount; (d) a stipulation or other agreement

is executed between the Holder of such Claim and the Debtors temporarily allowing the Holder to vote its Claim in an agreed upon amount; or (e) the pending objection is voluntarily withdrawn by the objecting party. No later than two Business Days following the occurrence of a Resolution Event, the Debtors shall cause Epiq to distribute via email, hand delivery, or overnight courier service a Solicitation Package and a pre-addressed, postage pre-paid envelope to the relevant Holder to the extent such Holder has not already received a Solicitation Package containing a Ballot.

# H. Plan Objection Deadline

The Disclosure Statement Order established January 4, 2023, at 4:00 p.m., prevailing Central Time, as the deadline to object to Confirmation of the Plan (the "<u>Plan Objection Deadline</u>"). All objections to the Plan must be Filed with the Bankruptcy Court and served on the Debtors and certain other parties in interest in accordance with the Disclosure Statement Order so that they are actually received on or before the Plan Objection Deadline.

IF A BALLOT IS RECEIVED AFTER THE VOTING DEADLINE, IT WILL NOT BE COUNTED UNLESS THE DEBTORS DETERMINE OTHERWISE OR AS PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW OR COURT ORDER.

HOLDERS OF CLAIMS MUST VOTE THEIR ENTIRE CLAIMS EITHER TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE PLAN AND MAY NOT SPLIT YOUR VOTE. ACCORDINGLY, A BALLOT THAT PARTIALLY REJECTS AND PARTIALLY ACCEPTS THE PLAN WILL NOT BE COUNTED AS A VOTE TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE PLAN.

ANY BALLOT THAT IS PROPERLY COMPLETED, EXECUTED, AND TIMELY RETURNED TO THE DEBTORS THAT FAILS TO INDICATE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF THE PLAN OR THAT INDICATES BOTH AN ACCEPTANCE AND A REJECTION OF THE PLAN IT WILL NOT BE COUNTED.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE HOLDER, OR THE AGENT, DESIGNEE, OR NOMINEE THEREOF, OF A CLAIM IN A VOTING CLASS FOLLOW THE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS PROVIDED ON THE APPLICABLE BALLOT AND THE ACCOMPANYING INSTRUCTIONS.

If the Holder, or the agent, designee, or nominee thereof has any questions regarding the Ballot, or did not receive a copy of the Disclosure Statement or Plan, or needs additional copies of such materials, they should contact the Solicitation Agent via email to ComputeNorthHoldingsInfo@epiqglobal.com and reference "Compute North" in the subject line.

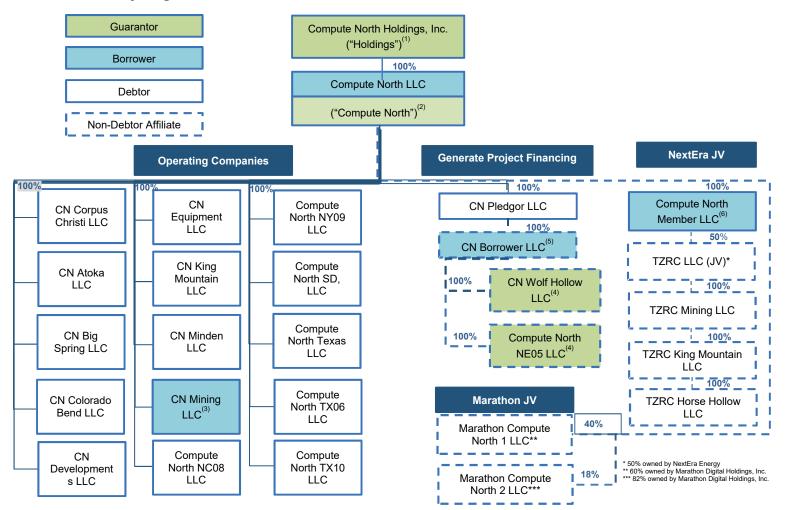
# ARTICLE III. BUSINESS OVERVIEW AND CORPORATE HISTORY

#### A. Business Overview

Compute North was formed in 2020. Compute North is the direct parent of, and owns 100% of the equity interests in, Compute North LLC ("<u>CN LLC</u>"), which was formed in 2017. In turn, CN LLC is the direct or indirect parent of all of the remaining Debtor entities, controlling

(either directly or indirectly) 100 percent of the equity interests of all of the remaining Debtors. A chart summarizing Compute North's organizational structure as it existed on the Petition Date is set forth below (the "Structure Chart").

# **Summary Organizational Chart as of the Petition Date**



#### Note: All subsidiaries were wholly-owned unless specifically noted otherwise.

- (1) Compute North Holdings, Inc. was a guarantor under the Generate Facility and NextEra Note.
- (2) Compute North LLC was a guarantor under the Generate Facility and borrower under the Marathon Note.
- (3) CN Mining LLC was the borrower under the Foundry Financing.
- (4) CN Wolf Hollow LLC and Compute North NE05 LLC were guarantors under the Generate Facility.
- (5) CN Borrower LLC was the borrower under the Generate Facility.
- (6) Compute North Member LLC was the borrower under the NextEra Note.

Prior to the Petition Date, the Debtors were a leader in and focused on the development and management of sustainable, cost-efficient computer data centers (each a "Facility") that could be used by customers in the blockchain, cryptocurrency mining, and distributed computing space. The Debtors' Facilities were owned in three asset silos, the "Operating Companies," the "Generate Project Financing" and the "Joint Ventures" (comprised of the "NextEra JV" and the "Marathon JV"), each of which is described on the Structure Chart. The Debtors also operated three (3) fully operational Facilities, with approximately 117MW of aggregate capacity, and two (2) partially operational Facilities, with approximately 124MW of aggregate capacity, with the aggregate expected capacity at those Facilities totalling 580MW. The Debtors had planned two (2) other Facilities that were in development as of the Petition Date, representing an additional 335MW of aggregate capacity. As of the Petition Date, the Debtors' operational or partially operational Facilities provided services to approximately eighty-four (84) customers and contained over 467 containers.

Prior to the Petition Date, and as more fully described in the First Day Declaration, the Debtors offered a host of services at the Facilities. Specifically, the Debtors' operations included three main business segments: (a) Hosted Cryptocurrency Mining Services, (b) Bitcoin Mining, and (c) Cryptocurrency Equipment Sales. The Debtors' core business segment was providing hosting services for cryptocurrency mining by customers at the Facilities. As a hosting services provider, the Debtors provided a suite of services to customers that ranged from offering rack space, energy, and broadband access to a full scale, hands on experience which provided customers with additional services including monitoring, troubleshooting, firmware management, miner configuration, and mining pools. To support the Hosted Cryptocurrency Mining Services segment of its business, the Debtors also engaged in the sale of cryptocurrency mining equipment to customers. Further, prior to the Petition Date, the Debtors also engaged in some Bitcoin mining of their own at their Facilities.

#### 1. Corporate

The Debtors' corporate headquarters were in Eden Prairie, Minnesota. As of the Petition Date, Compute North employed 148 people, made up of eighty-seven (87) full time salaried employees, sixty (60) full time hourly employees and one (1) part time hourly employee. In addition, Compute North also utilized three (3) independent contractors.

These employees provided various services, including management, business development, human resources, compliance, information technology, billing, collections, safety, legal, payroll, tax, treasury, and accounting, among others. All, or a portion, of the compensation cost for these employees was allocated to the applicable Debtor and non-Debtor affiliate and joint venture partner for which the employees provided services.

# **B.** Prepetition Capital Structure

# 1. Summary

Prior to the Peititon Date, the Debtors, together with their non-Debtor affiliates, maintained a complex capital structure with different silos of secured and unsecured obligations with varying interest rates and maturities. As described in greater detail below, the Debtors consolidated long-

term debt obligations as of the Petition Date totalled approximately \$128.3 million (collectively, the "<u>Prepetition Debt Obligations</u>"), consisting of, among other things: (i) the NextEra Note in the amount of \$99,809,696.27; (ii) the Foundry Financing in the amount of \$7,466,005.26; and (iii) the Marathon Note (each as defined below) in the amount of \$21,013,027.03.

Funded Debt Obligations	Total Outstanding
NextEra Note	\$99,809,696.27
Foundry Financing	\$7,466,005.26
Marathon Note	\$21,013,027.03
<b>Total Funded Debt:</b>	\$128,288,728.56

Additionally, as of the Petition Date, certain non-Debtor affiliates of Compute North had long-term debt obligations. Specifically, non-Debtor affiliate CN Borrower, LLC ("CN Borrower") was the borrower under the Prepetition Generate Facility (as defined below) in the amount of \$101,383,118.71. The Prepetition Generate Facility was supported by, among other things, Debtor CN Pledgor LLC's ("CN Pledgor") pledge of its equity in CN Borrower and unsecured guarantees from Holdings and CN LLC.

#### 2. NextEra Note

Debtor Compute North Member LLC ("<u>CN Member</u>") was party to that Senior Secured Promissory Note (the "<u>NextEra Note</u>") in favor of TZ Capital Holdings, LLC ("<u>TZ Capital</u>"). CN Member made draws, as of the Petition Date, under the NextEra Note in the amount of \$94,850,676.50. Including accrued PIK interest, a total of \$99,809,696.27 was outstanding under the NextEra Note as of the Petition Date. The NextEra Note was issued in connection with the member loan made by TZ Capital as set forth in that certain Limited Liability Company Agreement of TZRC LLC (TZRC) and was secured by CN Member's membership interest in the TZRC. Further, Holdings executed that certain Guaranty Agreement, dated as of April 8, 2022 (the "<u>NextEra Parent Guaranty</u>"), in favor of TZ Capital by which Holdings provided an unsecured guaranty to TZ Capital for the obligations under the NextEra Note. As described more fully in <u>Article V</u> hereof, the purchaser of certain of the Debtors' assets, as part of such sale, has agreed to the assumption of certain liabilities, including the principal and interest amounts due and owing by CN Member under the NextEra Note.

#### 3. Foundry Financing

CN Borrower was party to that certain Equipment Finance and Security Agreement, dated as of December 31, 2020 (the "Foundry Financing Agreement") with Foundry Digital LLC ("Foundry"), pursuant to which Foundry provided equipment financing for certain digital currency mining equipment. On March 15, 2022, CN Borrower assigned its rights and obligations under the Foundry Financing Agreement to CN Mining, LLC ("CN Mining"). The Foundry Financing Agreement was secured by certain mining equipment of CN Mining. As of the Petition Date, \$7,466,005.26 remained outstanding under the Foundry Financing Agreement. As part of the Foundry Sale (as defined below), the purchase price for the Foundry Purchased Assets (as defined below) includes a credit bid by Foundry, which consists of \$8,969,845 in outstanding principal and accrued and unpaid interest, fees, costs, and expenses as of the Petition Date plus any other

amounts and obligations under the Foundry Finance Agreement. The Foundry Sale is described in greater detail below in <u>Article V(E)</u> hereof.

#### 4. Marathon Note

On July 1, 2021, Compute North TX06 LLC ("CN TX06") borrowed \$30,000,000 from Marathon Digital Holdings, Inc. ("Marathon"), pursuant to a Senior Secured Promissory Note (the "Prior Marathon Note"). On July 1, 2022, CN LLC, CN TX06 and Marathon agreed to restructure the obligations to Marathon under the Prior Marathon Note. In particular, the Prior Marathon Note was exchanged for, and replaced with, an unsecured Senior Promissory Note from CN LLC in favor of Marathon in the same amount (the "Marathon Note"), and Marathon agreed to reduce the face amount of the Prior Promissory Note by application of certain customer deposits by CN LLC related to the Wolf Hollow Facility in the amount of \$9,175,718.40. As of the Petition Date, \$21,013,027.03 remained outstanding under the Marathon Note.

# 5. Generate Facility

On the Petition Date, CN Borrower, a non-Debtor Affiliate, was party to that Credit and Guaranty Agreement, dated as of February 7, 2022 (the "Prepetition Generate Facility", as amended on April 28, 2022 and June 17, 2022, and as further amended, amended and restated, supplemented, or otherwise modified, refinanced, or replaced from time to time prior to the Petition Date, the "Prepetition Credit Agreement"), by and among CN Borrower, CN Wolf Hollow LLC, a non-Debtor (the "Wolf Hollow Project Company"), Compute North NE05 LLC, a non-Debtor (the "Kearney Project Company" and together with the Wolf Hollow Project Company, the "Prepetition Subsidiary Guarantors"), Generate Lending, LLC, as lender (in such capacity, the "Prepetition Lender"), and Generate Lending, LLC, as administrative agent (in such capacity, the "Prepetition Administrative Agent") and collateral agent (in such capacity, the "Prepetition Collateral Agent", and together with the Prepetition Administrative Agent, the "Prepetition Agents" and together with the Prepetition Lender, the "Prepetition Generate Secured Parties"), which consisted of a Tranche A of Loans in the original principal amount of \$21,541,441.68 ("Tranche A") and a Tranche B of Loans in the original principal amount of \$72,720,280.11 ("Tranche B"; together with Tranche A, the "Prepetition Generate Loans"). Tranche A consisted of certain Prepetition Generate Loans used to expand the Kearney Project Company's Facility in Kearney, Nebraska (the "Kearney Facility"), with such Prepetition Generate Loans maturing on February 7, 2026. Tranche B consisted of certain Prepetition Generate Loans which were to be used to finance the Wolf Hollow Project Company's Facility in Granbury, Texas, called Wolf Hollow (the "Wolf Hollow Facility"), with such Prepetition Generate Loans set to mature on October 28, 2026.

The Kearney Project Company and the Wolf Hollow Project Company, both non-Debtors, had guaranteed CN Borrower's obligations under the Prepetition Generate Facility. Further, CN LLC and Holdings (collectively, the "Sponsors") were party to that certain Guaranty Agreement, dated as of February 7, 2022 (the "Generate Parent Guaranty"), entered into by the Sponsors in favor of the Prepetition Administrative Agent by which the Sponsors provided an unsecured guaranty to the Prepetition Administrative Agent for the obligations under the Prepetition Credit Agreement. As of the Petition Date, \$101,383,118.71 remained outstanding under the Prepetition Generate Facility.

The Prepetition Generate Facility was secured by (i) CN Pledgor's pledge of 100% of the equity of CN Borrower to the Prepetition Administrative Agent and (ii) a lien on substantially all of the assets of non-Debtors CN Borrower, the Wolf Hollow Project Company and the Kearney Project Company.

As described in greater detail in <u>Article V(E)</u> hereof, the Generate Sale (as defined below), included a full release and payoff of all outstanding amounts under the Prepetition Credit Agreement as well as the unsecured guarantees of Debtors CN Wolf Hollow LLC and Compute North NE05 LLC in connection therewith.

# 7. Equity Interests

Prior to the Petition Date, the Debtors were a privately held company. As of August 24, 2022, the Debtors had (i) 1,700,000 Class A Voting Common Stock issued and outstanding; (ii) 1,055,647 Class B Voting Common Stock issued and outstanding; (iii) 39,014 Series C-1 Convertible Preferred Stock issued and outstanding; and (iv) 360,465 Series C Convertible Preferred Stock issued and outstanding.

# ARTICLE IV. EVENTS LEADING TO THE CHAPTER 11 FILING

#### A. Overview

There were numerous adverse events that led to the commencement of these Chapter 11 Cases. From supply chain and inventory issues, to dislocation in the capital and cryptocurrency markets, Compute North was unable to maintain sufficient liquidity to bring planned projects in development online and pay all of its obligations on a current basis. As discussed further below, cryptocurrency prices collapsed – Bitcoin prices recently hit lows that were about 75% below its all-time highs in late 2021 – while the rates charged for the electricity required to mine Bitcoin essentially doubled.

# B. Dislocation in the Capital and Credit Markets

Compute North, in large measure, funded its growth through debt and equity. With the expectation that debt and equity financings would remain available, Compute North made strategic decisions regarding new facility development and fixed asset acquisition necessary to meet long term growth plans and customer demand. Compute North expended cash to launch new facility developments and fund fixed asset purchases reducing liquidity. With the tightening of the credit markets in 2022 and lack of available financing, in the months leading up to these Chapter 11 Cases, Compute North was not able to obtain new project financing to meet its liquidity needs and continue developing facilities.

# C. Lack of Financing

Although the Prepetition Lender had offered financing for the Kearney Project and the Wolf Hollow Project, Compute North was unable to obtain financing for other Facilities that were in development due in part to material dislocation in credit and capital markets during 2022.

In addition, on July 22, 2022, the Prepetition Lender sent a notice of default (the "<u>Notice of Default</u>") to Compute North asserting various events of default under the Prepetition Credit Agreement. On August 12, 2022, the Prepetition Lender provided notice to Compute North that it was exercising the voting rights of the pledged securities of CN Borrower. The Prepetition Lender also formed a new board of managers at CN Borrower and appointed its own managers (the "<u>Generate Managers</u>").

On August 23, 2022, Compute North received notice from BMO Harris Bank, the bank for CN Borrower and its subsidiaries (collectively, the "Generate Entities"), that the Prepetition Lender had exercised rights under deposit account control agreements in place as part of the Prepetition Generate Facility and restricted Compute North's and certain of its non-Debtor Affiliates' access to the Generate Entities' cash collateral.

Notwithstanding the foregoing and as further discussed in <u>Article V</u> herein, Compute North and the Prepetition Lender continued negotiations in order to reach a resolution with respect to Compute North's liquidity issues and a long term solution regarding ownership and management of the Generate Entities. Compute North continued those discussions during these Chapter 11 Cases to maximize the value of Compute North's assets, as described more fully in <u>Article V(E)</u> hereof, which culminated in the consummation of the sale of the Debtors' equity interest in the Generate Entities to the Prepetition Lender.

# D. Supply Chain and Fixed Asset Issues

Compute North's fixed assets, which are primarily comprised of modular containers, the pad mounted electrical transformers and other electrical infrastructure necessary to develop a data center, are all long-lead-time products. As such, even under normal circumstances, Compute North would be required to place orders for such products well in advance of a data center coming on line and becoming revenue generating. However, the global supply chain disruptions that began in 2020 and accelerated in 2021 impacted the availability of the materials necessary for Compute North to develop data centers and exacerbated this mismatch of expenditures and revenue. In particular, because of these disruptions, in 2021, Compute North was required to procure large quantities of fixed assets in advance to meet projected development schedules. These purchases required significant upfront deposits to secure manufacture and delivery of the fixed assets. Those upfront deposits, \$30.9 million in 2021 and \$41.4 million in 2022, materially reduced Compute North's liquidity. As that equipment was completed, Compute North was required to take delivery and pay for any outstanding balances. Without a funding source, Compute North's limited resources were insufficient to pay the outstanding amounts for the fixed assets, necessitating the commencement of these Chapter 11 Cases.

# E. Energy Price Volatility

In 2022, increases in the price of electricity had a materially negative impact on Compute North's business. Energy prices increased based on, among other things, the increase in natural gas prices as a result of the instability in geopolitics. As energy prices increases, Compute North's gross margins decreased and shrank to levels at which Compute North was unable to pay for its fixed costs of operations during certain periods.

Compute North's typical hosting services agreements (each an "<u>HSA</u>" and, collectively, the "<u>HSAs</u>") did not expressly allow it to pass increased energy costs through to its customers. While Compute North did have the ability to manage energy use during a period of high power costs, this was not an effective strategy for addressing long-term energy price increases. Ultimately, the prolonged period of high-energy prices made it difficult for Compute North to realize an operating profit at any of the Facilities and some Facilities operated at a loss, which contributed to Compute North's need to commence these Chapter 11 Cases.

#### F. Decline in Bitcoin Price

Substantially all of Compute North's revenue was related directly and indirectly to the mining of Bitcoin. Most of Compute North's customers mined cryptocurrency. Compute North's sale of equipment to customers related almost exclusively to mining hardware and Compute North mined its own Bitcoin to help fund operations. The major dislocation and sell-off in Bitcoin had a significant impact on Compute North's business. The sustained downturn in Bitcoin value and prices coincided with a confluence of broader global economic instability and events, exacerbating the Debtors' situation.

At current Bitcoin prices, coupled with high energy costs in ERCOT, it was difficult for Bitcoin miners – including Compute North's prepetition mining operations -- to profitably operate during certain periods of the day due to fluctuations in energy prices. The sustained downturn in the cryptocurrency market negatively affected Compute North's ability to generate revenue throughout all its business segments, contributing to the commencement of these Chapter 11 Cases.

# **G.** Prepetition Restructuring Efforts

As a result of the foregoing factors, Compute North lacked the liquidity needed to continue funding the development of data centers that were being built out, despite the fact that Compute North had already invested millions of dollars in those development projects. Compute North explored all available alternatives, including, among other things, negotiating with key stakeholders for additional capital, marketing certain projects still in development for sale, and engaging in lengthy negotiations with the Prepetition Lender regarding a resolution with respect to Compute North's liquidity issues and a long term solution regarding ownership and management of the non-Debtor entities controlled by the Prepetition Lender.

Although in the weeks leading up to these Chapter 11 Cases Compute North engaged in advanced negotiations with the Prepetition Lender and other prospective counter-parties to solve its liquidity crisis by selling certain of its assets or obtaining new financing, none of these sale or financing transactions were able to be consummated within the time frame available to Compute North to effectuate an out-of-court restructuring. Facing the threat of ongoing degradation to the value of its business, including the potential loss of assets that were available to sell, Compute North had no choice but to commence these Chapter 11 Cases in order to preserve and maximize the value of its assets.

# ARTICLE V. MATERIAL DEVELOPMENTS AND EVENTS OF THE CHAPTER 11 CASES

#### A. First Day Relief

On September 22, 2022, the Debtors filed voluntary petitions for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas. On the Petition Date and shortly thereafter, the Debtors filed several motions (the "First Day Motions") designed to facilitate the administration of the Chapter 11 Cases and minimize disruption to the Debtors' operations, by, among other things, easing the strain on the Debtors' relationships with employees, vendors, and service providers, and other third parties following the commencement of the Chapter 11 Cases. The Bankruptcy Court granted all of the relief initially requested in the First Day Motions on an interim or final basis. The relief granted with respect to the First Day Motions included, among other things, (a) interim and supplemental interim orders authorizing the Debtors to continue using their existing cash management system, honor certain prepetition obligations related thereto, maintain existing business forms, and continue to perform intercompany transactions [Docket Nos. 84, 247]; (b) an order directing joint administration of the Chapter 11 Cases [Docket No. 41]; (c) an order authorizing the Debtors to pay certain prepetition taxes and fees [Docket No. 46]; (d) an order authorizing the Debtors to pay their obligations under insurance policies entered into prepetition, continue paying brokerage fees, honor the terms of their premium financing agreement and pay premiums thereunder, enter into new premium financing agreements in the ordinary course of business, and renew, supplement, modify, and purchase insurance coverage in the ordinary course of business [Docket No. 85]; (e) an order granting authority to pay prepititon employees' wages and related obligations in the ordinary course of business and continue certain employee benefit programs [Docket No. 47]; and (f) an order approving procedures for, among other things, determining adequate assurance for utility providers, prohibiting utility providers from altering, refusing, or discontinuing services, and determining that the Debtors are not required to provide additional adequate assurance [Docket No. 48].

The First Day Motions and all orders for relief granted in the Chapter 11 Cases can be viewed or downloaded, free of charge, at https://dm.epiq11.com/computenorthholdings. A brief description of each of the First Day Motions and the evidence in support thereof is also set forth in the Declaration of Harold Coulby, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of the Debtors, in Support of the Chapter 11 Petitions and First Day Pleadings [Docket No. 22].

#### **B.** Schedules and Statements

On September 22, 2022, the Debtors filed *Debtors' Emergency Motion for Entry of an Order (I) Extending Time to File (A) Schedules and Statements of Financial Affairs and (B) Rule 2015.3 Financial Reports and (II) Granting Related Relief* [Docket No. 21] (the "Extension Motion"), requesting that the Bankruptcy Court extend the period of time to file the Schedules and Statements (as defined in the Extension Motion) by twenty-two (22) days. On September 23, 2022, the Bankruptcy Court entered the order approving the Extension Motion [Docket No. 45] (the "Extension Order"). Pursuant to the Extension Order, the time within which the Debtors must file the Schedules and Statements was extended to and including October 28, 2022 without prejudice to the Debtors' right to seek an additional extension upon cause shown therefor.

On October 28, 2022, the Debtors filed their Schedules and Statements [Docket Nos. 293 through 311]. On November 4, 2022, the Debtors filed their amended Schedules and Statements [Docket Nos. 420 through 438].

# C. Claims Bar Dates

The Bankruptcy Code allows the Bankruptcy Court to fix the time within which Proofs of Claim must be Filed in the Chapter 11 Cases. Any creditor whose Claim is not scheduled in the Schedules and Statements or whose Claim is scheduled as disputed, contingent, or unliquidated is required to File a Proof of Claim.

On September 26, 2022, the Bankruptcy Court entered an order (the "Bar Date Order") [Docket No. 86] approving, among other things: (a) other than the exceptions set forth in the Bar Date Order, November 23, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. prevailing Central Time (the "Claims Bar Date") as the deadline for all non-Governmental Units to File Claims in the Chapter 11 Cases; (b) March 21, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. prevailing Central Time as the deadline for all Governmental Units to File Claims in the Chapter 11 Cases (the "Governmental Unit Bar Date" and, together with the Claims Bar Date, the "Bar Dates"); (c) procedures for filing Proofs of Claim; and (d) the form and manner of notice of the Bar Dates.

# D. Appointment of Creditors' Committee

On October 6, 2022, the U.S. Trustee appointed five members to the Committee [Docket No. 139]. The Committee is currently comprised of the following five members: (a) RK Mission Critical LLC ("RK Mission"); (b) Touzi Capital, LLC; (c) Sunbelt Solomon; (d) U.S. Data Mining Group, Inc.; and (e) MP2 Energy LLC.

#### **E.** Retention of Professionals

The Debtors filed applications for the retention of various professionals to assist the Debtors in carrying out their duties as debtors in possession and to represent their interests in the chapter 11 cases, including: (a) Paul Hastings LLP ("Paul Hastings"), as restructuring counsel [Docket No. 124]; (b) Jefferies, as investment banker [Docket No. 125]; (c) Portage Point Partners, LLC ("Portage Point"), as financial advisor [Docket No. 123], and (d) Epiq as their claims and noticing agent in the Chapter 11 Cases [Docket No. 12].

On Septemeber 22, 2022, the Bankruptcy Court entered an order approving the Debtors' retention of Epiq [Docket No. 15]. On October 24, 2022, the Bankruptcy Court entered orders approving the Debtors' retention of (a) Paul Hastings [Docket No. 251]; (b) Jefferies [Docket No. 254]; and (c) Portage Point [Docket No. 250].

In addition, on October 3, 2022, the Debtors filed (i) the *Motion for Entry of an Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for Professionals* (the "Interim Compensation Procedures") [Docket No. 122], whereby the Debtors sought to establish an orderly process for the allowance and payment of compensation for professional services rendered and reimbursement of expenses incurred by attorneys and other professionals who are retained pursuant to sections 327 or 1103 of the Bankruptcy Code during the Chapter 11 Cases, and (ii) filed the *Motion for Entry of an Order (I) Authorizing the Retention* 

and Compensation of Certain Professionals Utilized in the Ordinary Course of Business and (Ii) Granting Related Relief (the "OCP Motion") [Docket No. 121], seeking authority to retain and compensate certain professionals utilized in the orfinary course of business pursuant to certain compensation procedures. On October 24, 2022, the Bankruptcy Court entered orders approving the Interim Compensation Procedures [Docket No. 249] and the OCP Motion [Docket No. 248].

#### F. Bidding and Sale Procedures and Asset Sales

On the September 26, 2022, the Debtors filed the *Debtors'* <u>Emergency</u> <u>Motion for Entry of (I) an Order (A) Approving De Minimis Asset Sale Procedures; (B) Approving Certain Bidding Procedures, Assumption, Assignment, and Rejection Procedures, and the Form and Manner of Notice Thereof; (C) Authorizing the Debtors to Enter Into Asset Purchase Agreements With Stalking Horse Bidders; and (D) Scheduling a Hearing On the Approval of the Sale of the Debtors Assets Free and Clear of All Encumbrances As Well As the Assumption and Assignment of Certain Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases; and (II) an Order (A) Authorizing the Sale of the Debtors Assets Free and Clear of all Encumbrances, (B) Approving Asset Purchase Agreements, (C) Authorizing the Assumption and Assignment of Certain Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases, and (D) Waiving Stay Provisions Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rules 6004(H) and 6006(D) [Docket No. 91] (the "Bidding Procedures and Sale Motion").4</u>

On October 11, 2022 the Bankruptcy Court held a hearing to consider the Sale and Bidding Procedures Motion (the "Initial Bidding Procedures Hearing"). Prior to the Initial Bidding Procedures Hearing, the Debtors received several objections, including one from the Committee. The Debtors were able to negotiate a resolution of all obejctions at the Initial Bidding Procedures Hearing by bifurcating the sale procedures. The Debtors obtained approval of certain aspects of the sale procedures, including, the De Minimis Asset Sale Procedures, the Contract Procedures and designation of Stalking Horse Bidders. On October 13, 2022, the Bankruptcy Court entered the Order (A) Approving De Minimis Asset Sale Procedures; (B) Approving Rejection Procedures and Certain Assumption and Assignment Procedures and the Form and Manner of Notice Thereof; (C) Authorizing the Debtors to Enter into Asset Purchase Agreements with Stalking Horse Bidders; and (D) Scheduling a Further Hearing on the Approval of the Debtors' Proposed Bidding Procedures and Related Relief [Docket No. 191] (the "Initial Sale Procedures Order"). The Initial Sale Procedures Order contemplated that the Debtors would seek approval of a final sale procedures order at a subsequent hearing, which was held before the Bankruptcy Court on October 21, 2022 (the "Final Bidding Procedures Hearing").

The relief requested by the Debtors in the Bidding Procedures and Sale Motion with respect to the Bidding Procedures, the final approval of the Assumption and Assignment Procedures, and the proposed key dates and timeline for the Debtors' sale process, as set forth below, were approved at the Final Bidding Procedures Hearing. On October 24, 2022, the Bankruptcy Court entered the *Order (A) Approving De Minimis* 

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Capitalized terms not defined in this section shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Bidding Proecures and Sale Motion.

Asset Sale Procedures; (B) Approving Certain Bidding Procedures, Assumption, Assignment, and Rejection Procedures, and the Form and Manner of Notice Thereof; (C) Authorizing the Debtors to Enter into Asset Purchase Agreements with Stalking Horse Bidders; and (D) Scheduling a Hearing on the Approval of the Sale of the Debtors' Remaining Assets Free and Clear of all Encumbrances as well as the Assumption and Assignment of Certain Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases [Docket No. 256] (the "Final Sale Procedures Order"). Pursuant to the Final Sale Procedures Order, the proposed key dates and timeline for the Debtors' sale process were as set forth below:

Deadline	Item
October 11, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. (prevailing Central Time)	Initial Bidding Procedures Hearing
October 18, 2022	Deadline to Serve Assumption Notice
October 21, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. (prevailing Central Time)	Final Bidding Procedures Hearing
October 25, 2022	Stalking Horse Designation Deadline
October 27, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time)	Bid Deadline
October 31, 2022	Deadline to Serve Supplemental Assumption Notice
November 1, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. (prevailing Central Time)	Auction Commencement
November 1, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time)	Deadline to Object to Assumption Notice
November 3, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time)	Deadline to Object to Sale
November 7, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. (prevailing Central Time)	Deadline to Object to Adequate Assurance
November 7, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. (prevailing Central Time)	Sale Hearing

#### 1. Generate Sale

On October 24, 2022, the Debtors filed the *Stipulation and Agreed Order by and among Compute North LLC, Compute North NE05 LLC, CN Wolf Hollow LLC, and Generate Lending, LLC Concerning Certain Project Management Agreements* [Docket No. 246] (the "Generate Sale Stipulation"), by and among (i) CN LLC, (ii) the Kearney Project Company, (iii) the Wolf Hollow Project Company, and (iv) Generate, whereby the parties announced their intention to enter in a purchase and sale agreement (the "Generate PSA"), which provided for the sale of CN Pledgor's equity interest in non-Debtor CN Borrower, which owns the Kearney Project Company and the Wolf Hollow Project Company (the "CN Pledgor Assets"), to Generate, subject to court approval.

Pursuant to the Generate Sale Stipulation, the Kearny Project Company and the Wolf Hollow Project Company would pay the Debtors a total of \$500,000.00, representing amounts due and owing under their respective property management agreements (each, a "PMA"). In addition, the Kearny Project Company, the Wolf Hollow Project Company and Generate would be responsible for an up-front payment on a account of accrued service fees of \$210,000.00, as well as weekly payments totaling \$110,000.00 to continue operating under the PMAs. On October 25, 2022, the Bankruptcy Court entered the Generate Sale Stipulation [Docket No. 266]. The payments contemplated under the Generate Sale Stipulation provided an immediate infusion of cash to the Debtors as well as additional funding to continue operating the projects as a going concern while continuing to finalize the Generate PSA.

In accordance with the Final Sale Procedures Order, the Debtors scheduled an Auction for November 1, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. (prevailing Central Time). At the Bid Deadline, the Debtors received only one Qualifying Bid for the CN Pledgor Assets. As such, the Debtors cancelled the Auction with respect to the CN Pledgor Assets and, in consultation with the Consultation Parties, declared Generate as the Successful Bidder for the CN Pledgor Assets.

On October 28. 2022, the Debtors filed *Notice of Successful Bidder for CN Pledgor Assets* [Docket No. 256] with respect to the CN Pledgor Assets and scheduled a hearing for approval of the Generate PSA on October 31, 2022. Because there was only one bid for the CN Pledgor Assets, the Debtors did not designated a Back-Up Bidder for the CN Pledgor Assets. Pursuant to the Generate PSA, Generate agreed to pay a purchase price of \$5,000,000.00 with respect to the CN Pledgor Assets. On November 1, 2022, the Bankruptcy Court entered the *Order (I) Approving the Sale of Debtor CN Pledgor LLC's Equity Interests in CN Borrower LLC Free and Clear of all Liens, Claims, and Encumbrances, (II) Authorizing the Assumption and Assignment of Certain Executory Contracts in Connection Therewith, and (III) Granting Related Relief* [Docket No. 362] (the "Generate Sale Order") approving the Debtors' entry into the Generate PSA and the sale of the CN Pledgor Assets to Generate (the "Generate Sale"). The Debtors closed the Generate Sale on November 2, 2022.

In connection with the Generate PSA, the parties thereto executed broad general releases, including the release of all claims and causes of action based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, (i) the Generate PSA, (ii) the Prepetition Credit Agreement, (iii) the Generate Guaranty Agreement, (iv) that certain Pledge Agreement, dated as of February 7, 2022, entered into by CN Pledgor as Pledgor and Generate as Collateral Agent (the "Pledge Agreement"), (v) that certain Voting Agreement, dated as of February 2, 2022, by and among Holdings and each holder of the preferred stock of Holdings party thereto (the "Voting Agreement"), (vi) that certain Letter Agreement, dated as of October 18, 2022, by and among Mercuria Energy America, LLC, the Wolf Hollow Company and Generate (the "Letter Agreement"), (vii) any contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection with the Generate PSA, the Prepetition Credit Agreement, the Generate Guaranty Agreement, the Pledge Agreement, the Voting Agreement, or the Letter Agreement or upon any other act or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence related to the foregoing taking place on or before the Closing, and (viii) any other related claims. The specific terms of these releases are set forth in the Generate Sale Order.

The Debtors, in consultation with the Consultation Parties, adjourned the Auction with respect to the Debtors' remaining assets to November 14, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. (prevailing Central Time). See Notice of Adjournment of Auction [Docket No. 442]. In accordance with the Final Sale Procedures Order, the Debtors, in concultation with the Consultation Parties, further continued the Auction, solely with respect to the Debtors' membership interests in CN Member or non-Debtor TZRC LLC and certain excess inventory or equipment of the Debtors that is not subject to, or included in, another bid to November 15, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. (prevailing Central Time). Further, the Debtors, in consultation with the Consultation Parties, further continued the Auction with respect to the Debtors' remaining assets, properties, rights and interests, including (a) all assets properties, rights and interests of Compute North SD, LLC, Compute North Texas LLC, CN Mining LLC, CN Minden LLC, and/or relating to the Big Spring, Texas, North Sioux City, South Dakota, and Minden, Nebraska projects, facilities, developments, businesses or operations, and (b) all intellectual property, software, domain names, technology, intangible and other assets of the Debtors, to a date and time to be determined. See Notice of Adjournment of Auction [Docket No. 471].

#### 2. Crusoe Sale

On November 14, 2022, pursuant to the Final Sale Procedures Order and the Bidding Procedures, the Debtors designated Crusoe Energy Systems, LLC ("Crusoe"), as the Successful Bidder for 11 specific modular data center containers used to develop data center facilities and house cryptocurrency miners (the "Purchased Containers"), pursuant to that certain asset purchase agreement by and between Compute North and Crusoe (the "Crusoe APA"). See Notice of Successful Bidder for Certain Container Assets [Docket No. 477]. Pursuant to the Crusoe APA, the purchase price for the Purchased Containers was \$1,547,000.00 or \$140,636.36 per container. Ahead of the Bid Deadline, the Purchased Containers were widely marketed. However, the Debtors received only one qualified bid for the Purchased Containers. As such, the Debtors did not designate a Back-Up Bidder for the Purchased Containers. In accordance with the Final Sale Procedures Order and the Bidding Procedures, the Debtors cancelled the Auction with respect to the Purchased Containers. On November 16, 2022, at a hearing to consider the sale of the Purchased Containers to Crusoe (the "Crusoe Sale"), the Bankrutpcy Court approved the Crusoe Sale, with the support of the Committee. The Debtors received one objection to the Crusoe Sale from RK Mission, which was resolved through the inclusion of certain language in the order approving the Crusoe Sale (the "Crusoe Sale Order") ensuring that any lien RK Mission's possessed would attached to the proceeds of the Crusoe Sale. On November 16, 2022, the Bankruptcy Court entered the Crusoe Sale Order. See Order (I) Approving the Sale of Certain Assets of Compute North LLC to Crusoe Energy Systems, LLC Free and Clear of All Leans, Cleans, and Encumbrances and (II) Grnating Related Relief [Docket No. 493].

#### 3. Auction and JV Asset Sale

In accordance with the Final Sale Procedures Order and the Bidding Procedures, the Debtors and their advisors marketed certain of the Debtors' assets, including certain joint venture assets comprising of: (a) 100 percent of the membership interests in TZRC held by CN Member, a Delaware limited liability company, which such membership interest represents 50 percent of all issued and outstanding membership interests in TZRC; and (b) that certain Modular Data Center

Property Management Agreement, dated as of March 8, 2022, entered into among TZRC, CN Member and TZ Capital, a Delaware limited liability company, as the same may be amended from time to time (collectively, the "JV Assets"). The Debtors received two Qualifying Bids by the Bid Deadline for the JV Assets, one from U.S. Data Group, Inc. ("USBTC") and the other from Lake Parime Limited ("Lake Parime"). Accordingly, an Auction was held virtually on November 15, 2022, pursuant to the Bidding Procedures. After the bid submitted by USBTC was determined to be the Baseline Bid for the JV Assets, multiple rounds of overbids by both bidders followed, including breakout discussions between rounds in which the Debtors and the Consultation Parties engaged with USBTC and Lake Parime regarding their respective bids. This process ultimately resulted in two final bids. At the conclusion of the Auction, the Debtors, in consultation with the Consultation Parties, announced that the final bid submitted by USBTC was the highest or otherwise best bid for the JV Assets, and that Lake Parime's final bid was the Back-Up Bid.

USBTC's bid is memorialized in that certain asset purchase agreement, dated as of November [•], 2022 (the "<u>USBTC APA</u>"). The USBTC APA provides for, among other things, a cash purchase price of \$3,000,000.00 to be paid to the Debtors on the closing date,<sup>5</sup> the assumption of certain liabilities, including the principal and interest amounts due and owing by CN Member under the NextEra Note (approximately \$100 million), a full waiver of all unsecured claims held by USBTC, including any rejection damages, and \$100,000.00 for transition services above and beyond all pass through costs.

The Debtors expect to seek approval of the USBTC APA and the transactions contemplated thereunder at a hearing on November 29, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. (prevailing Central Time).

#### 4. Foundry Sale

At the Bid Deadline established pursuant to the Final Sale Procedures Order, the Debtors received multiple bids across their various pools of assets, including a bid from Foundry for the assets identified in that certain purchase agreement, dated November 19, 2022, between the Debtors and Foundry (the "Foundry APA"). The assets being acquired by Foundry pursuant to the Foundry APA (the "Foundry Purchased Assets"), include, but are not limited to: (a) all assets related to the Debtors' facilities located in (i) Big Spring, Texas, (ii) North Sioux City, South Dakota, and (iii) Minden, Nebraska; (b) all assets of Debtor CN Mining LLC; (c) all mining equipment of CN LLC, Compute North SD, LLC, Compute North Texas LLC, CN Mining LLC, and CN Minden LLC; (c) certain modular data center containers and padmount transformers; and (d) all collateral under the Foundry Financing Agreement, pursuant to which Foundry provided equipment financing for certain digital currency mining equipment.

On November 19, 2022, the Debtors, in consulation with the Consultation Parties, declared Foundry as the Successful Bidder for the Foundry Purchased Assets. *See Notice of Succesful Bidder for Certain Assets* [Docket No. 511]. Pursuant to the Foundry APA, the purchase price for the Foundry Purchased Assets consists of \$5,170,000.00 in cash; of

The USBTC APA also provides for an additional \$7 million of the cash purchase price to be paid to TZ Capital to repay the principal amount owing under the TZCH Senior Note (as defined in the USBTC APA), for a total cash purchase price of \$10 million.

which \$4,000,000.00 in cash would be paid at the Closing (as defined in the Foundry APA) with respect to the Purchased Assets (other than the Minden Purchased Assets (as defined in the Foundry APA)) and \$1,170,000.00 in cash would be paid at the Minden Closing<sup>6</sup> if any, in each case, subject to the terms and conditions of the Foundry APA. The purchase price also includes a credit bid of \$8,969,846.00 plus additional obligations under the Foundry Financing Agreement, and the assumption of certain liabilities. The Debtors received no other bids for all of the Foundry Purchased Assets.

The Debtors sought approval of the Foundry APA and the transactions contemplated thereunder (the "Foundry Sale") at a hearing (the "Foundry Sale Hearing") on November 22, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time), and the Bankruptcy Court entered an order approving the Foundry Sale [Docket No. 531]. On November 19, 2022, the Debtors served a notice of selected target contracts (the "Selected Target Contracts") proposed to be assumed and assigned to Foundry, as assignee, in connection with the Foundry Sale, subject to Foundry's right to amend the list of the Selected Target Contracts through and including the Closing (as defined in the Foundry APA) in accordance with Section 1.1 of the Foundry APA, upon the counterparties to such Selected Target Contracts, and filed a notice of the same with the Court [Docket No. 510].

#### **G.** Postpetition Marketing Process

In connection with the sale procedures, upon commencement of these Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors, with the assistance of Jefferies and their other advisors, commenced a comprehensive sale process to market all of the Debtors' assets and to seek debtor-in-possession financing. The Debtors and their advisors prepared marketing materials, including teasers, requests for financing proposals, confidential information memoranda and a virtual data room. Jefferies contacted 153 entities identified as potential purchasers or lenders. Jefferies distributed non-disclosure agreements (each, an "NDA") to all 153 of those potential purchasers and lenders. For those parties that executed an NDA, the Debtors provided marketing materials which included information about the Debtors' operations, services and products. Potential bidders and lenders that executed an NDA were also granted access to the virtual data room with historical and projected financial information and were allowed to conduct due diligence and prepare bids and lending proposals. The virtual data room consisted of hundreds of documents, including the necessary information a potential purchaser or lender would need to make a proposal. Overall, 83 of those parties have signed a NDA and were granted access to diligence materials.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Minden Closing" has the meaning ascribed to that term in the Foundry APA. The Minden Closing relates to the purchase of the Minden Purchased Assets and the assumption of the Minden Assumed Liabilities (as defined in the Foundry APA).

### ARTICLE VI. OTHER KEY ASPECTS OF THE PLAN

#### A. Distributions

Under the Bankruptcy Code, only claims and interests that are "allowed" may receive distributions under a chapter 11 plan. This term is used throughout the Plan and the descriptions below. In general, an Allowed Claim or Interest means that the Debtors agree, or if there is a dispute, the Bankruptcy Court has determined, that the Claim or Interest, and the amount thereof, is in fact a valid obligation of the Debtors. Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, a Final Order, or as otherwise agreed to by the relevant parties, on the Effective Date, the Debtors shall make initial distributions under the Plan on account of Allowed Claims, including those that become Allowed as of the Effective Date, subject to the Reorganized Debtors' right to object to Claims. A more detailed discussion of the treatment and anticipated means of satisfaction for each Class of Allowed Claims or Interests is set forth in Article I above.

#### **B.** Wind-Down Transactions

#### 1. Overview of the Wind-Down Transactions

On or before the Effective Date, the Debtors or Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, shall take all applicable actions set forth in the Wind-Down Transactions Memorandum and may take any additional action as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the Wind-Down Restructuring, and any transaction described in, approved by, contemplated by, or necessary to effectuate the Wind-Down Restructuring that are consistent with and pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Plan and Wind-Down Transactions Memorandum, which transactions may include, as applicable: (1) the execution and delivery of appropriate agreements or other documents of merger, amalgamation, consolidation, restructuring, reorganization, conversion, disposition, transfer, arrangement, continuance, dissolution, sale, purchase, or liquidation containing terms that are consistent with the terms of the Plan and Wind-Down Transaction Memorandum and that satisfy the applicable requirements of applicable law and any other terms to which the applicable parties may agree; (2) the execution and delivery of appropriate instruments of transfer, assignment, assumption, or delegation of any asset, property, right, liability, debt, or obligation on terms consistent with the terms of the Plan and Wind-Down Transaction Memorandum and having other terms to which the applicable parties agree; (3) the filing of appropriate certificates or articles of incorporation, reincorporation, formation, merger, consolidation, conversion, amalgamation, arrangement, continuance, dissolution, or other certificates or documentation pursuant to applicable law; and (4) all other actions that the applicable Debtors determine to be necessary or advisable, including making filings or recordings that may be required by applicable law in connection with the Plan. All Holders of Claims and Interests receiving distributions pursuant to the Plan and all other necessary parties in interest, including any and all agents thereof, shall prepare, execute, and deliver any agreements or documents, and take any other actions as the Debtors determine are necessary or advisable to effectuate the provisions and intent of the Plan.

The Confirmation Order shall, and shall be deemed to, authorize, among other things, all actions as may be necessary or appropriate to effect any transaction described in, approved by,

contemplated by, or necessary to effectuate the Plan, including the Wind-Down Restructuring, including, for the avoidance of doubt, any and all actions required to be taken under applicable nonbankruptcy law.

#### 2. Corporate Governance; Plan Administrator

On and after the Effective Date, the Plan Administrator shall act for the Reorganized Debtors in the same fiduciary capacity as applicable to a board of managers, directors, officers, or other Governing Body, subject to the provisions of the Plan (and all certificates of formation, membership agreements, and related documents are deemed amended by the Plan to permit and authorize the same). On the Effective Date, the authority, power, and incumbency of the persons acting as managers, officers, directors, sale director, or Governing Body of the Reorganized Debtors shall cease and all such persons shall be deemed to have resigned, solely in their capacities as such. On the Effective Date the Plan Administrator shall be appointed as the sole manager, sole director, and sole officer of the Reorganized Debtors, and shall succeed to the powers of the Reorganized Debtors' managers, directors, officers, and other Governing Bodies without any further action required on the part of any such Reorganized Debtor, the equity holders of the Debtors, the officers, directors, managers, or Governing Body, as applicable, of the Reorganized Debtors, or the members of any Reorganized Debtor. From and after the Effective Date, the Plan Administrator shall be the sole representative of, and shall act for, the Reorganized Debtors. The foregoing shall not limit the authority of the Reorganized Debtors or the Plan Administrator, as applicable, to continue the employment of any former manager or officer, including pursuant to any transition services agreement entered into on or after the Effective Date by and between the Reorganized Debtors and the Purchaser. The Plan Administrator shall use commercially reasonable efforts to operate in a manner consistent with the Wind-Down Budget.

#### C. Operations between the Confirmation Date and Effective Date.

During the period from the Confirmation Date through and until the Effective Date, the Debtors may continue to operate their businesses as Debtors in possession in the ordinary course in a manner consistent with the transactions contemplated by the Plan, subject to all applicable orders of the Bankruptcy Court and the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code.

#### D. Sources and Uses of Cash for Plan Distributions.

The Debtors' Cash on hand, collection of accounts receivable, the proceeds of Asset Sales, and liquidation of the Debtors' remaining assets, provide adequate liquidity to fund distributions to be made under the Plan and shall fund the Administrative and Priority Claims Reserve, the Secured Claims Reserve, the Professional Fee Escrow Account, the Plan Administration Operating Reserve, and other obligations under the Plan.

As of the date hereof, the Debtors had approximately \$[15.5] million in Cash for satisfaction of Claims and their obligations under the Plan. In addition, the Debtors expect to close Asset Sales in advance of confirmation of the Plan for approximately \$[11] million in Cash.

The Debtors proposed sources and uses for distributions under the Plan are described below.

[To Come: Sources and Uses Chart]

#### E. Vesting of Assets in the Reorganized Debtors

Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, the Confirmation Order, the Sale Order, the Asset Purchase Agreement, or any agreement, instrument, or other document incorporated herein or therein, or any agreement, instrument, or other document incorporated in the Plan or the Plan Supplement, on the Effective Date, but after consummation of any Asset Sale, pursuant to sections 1141(b) and (c) of the Bankruptcy Code, the assets of the Debtors shall vest in the Reorganized Debtors for the purpose of winding down the Estates, free and clear of all Liens, Claims, charges, or other encumbrances. On the Effective Date, the Plan Administrator shall be appointed and shall be authorized to administer, liquidate, monetize and distribute the Wind-Down Distributable Cash, in accordance with the Plan and the Plan Administrator Agreement.

#### F. The Reorganized Debtors

On and after the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtors shall continue in existence for purposes of (a) winding down the Debtors' business and affairs as expeditiously as reasonably possible in accordance with the Wind-Down Budget, (b) resolving Disputed Claims, (c) making distributions on account of Allowed Claims as provided hereunder, (d) funding distributions in accordance with the Wind-Down Budget, (e) enforcing and prosecuting claims, interests, rights, and privileges under the Causes of Action on the Schedule of Retained Causes of Action in an efficacious manner and only to the extent the benefits of such enforcement or prosecution are reasonably believed to outweigh the costs associated therewith, (f) filing appropriate tax returns, (g) complying with its continuing obligations under the Plan, the Confirmation Order, and an Asset Purchase Agreement, if any, and (h) administering the Plan in an efficacious manner.

The Reorganized Debtors shall be deemed to be substituted as the party-in-lieu of the Debtors in all matters, including (a) motions, contested matters, and adversary proceedings pending in the Bankruptcy Court, and (b) all matters pending in any courts, tribunals, forums, or administrative proceedings outside of the Bankruptcy Court, in each case without the need or requirement for the Plan Administrator to file motions or substitutions of parties or counsel in each such matter.

#### G. The Plan Administrator

On and after the Effective Date, the Plan Administrator shall act for the Reorganized Debtors in the same fiduciary capacity as applicable to a board of managers, directors, officers, or other Governing Body, subject to the provisions the Plan (and all certificates of formation, membership agreements, and related documents are deemed amended by the Plan to permit and authorize the same). On the Effective Date, the authority, power, and incumbency of the persons acting as managers, officers, directors, sale director, or Governing Body of the Reorganized Debtors shall cease and all such persons shall be deemed to have resigned, solely in their capacities as such. On the Effective Date the Plan Administrator shall be appointed as the sole manager, sole director, and sole officer of the Reorganized Debtors, and shall succeed to the powers of the Reorganized Debtors' managers, directors, officers, and other Governing Bodies without any further action required on the part of any such Reorganized Debtor, the equity holders of the

Debtors, the officers, directors, managers, or Governing Body, as applicable, of the Reorganized Debtors, or the members of any Reorganized Debtor. From and after the Effective Date, the Plan Administrator shall be the sole representative of, and shall act for, the Reorganized Debtors. The foregoing shall not limit the authority of the Reorganized Debtors or the Plan Administrator, as applicable, to continue the employment of any former manager or officer, including pursuant to any transition services agreement entered into on or after the Effective Date by and between the Reorganized Debtors and the Purchaser. The Plan Administrator shall use commercially reasonable efforts to operate in a manner consistent with the Wind-Down Budget.

#### H. Dissolution of the Debtors

Subject in all respects to the terms of the Plan, the Debtors shall be dissolved as soon as practicable on or after the Effective Date, but in no event later than thirty (30) days following the closing of the Chapter 11 Cases.

As of the Effective Date, the Plan Administrator shall act as the sole officer, director, manager, and Governing Body, as applicable, of the Reorganized Debtors with respect to their affairs. Subject in all respects to the terms of the Plan, the Plan Administrator shall have the power and authority to take any action necessary to wind down and dissolve any of the Debtors, and shall: (a) file a certificate of dissolution for any of the Debtors, together with all other necessary corporate and company documents, to effect the dissolution of each Debtor under the applicable laws of its state of formation; and (b) complete and file all final or otherwise required federal, state, and local tax returns and shall pay taxes required to be paid for any of the Debtors, and pursuant to section 505(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, request an expedited determination of any unpaid tax liability of any of the Debtors or their Estates for any tax incurred during the administration of such Debtor's Chapter 11 Case, as determined under applicable tax laws. The filing by the Plan Administrator of any of the Debtors' certificate of dissolution shall be authorized and approved in all respects without further action under applicable law, regulation, order, or rule.

#### I. The Plan Supplement

The Debtors will file the Plan Supplement no later than December 28, 2022. The Plan Supplement will include as exhibits (a) the Assumed Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases Schedule; (b) the Schedule of Retained Causes of Action; and (c) the Wind-Down Transaction Memorandum.

#### J. Bankruptcy Code Section 1146

Pursuant to section 1146(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Plan provides that (a) the issuance, transfer or exchange of equity securities under the Plan, (b) the creation of any mortgage, deed of trust, lien, pledge or other security interest, or (c) the making or delivery of any deed or other instrument of transfer under the Plan, including, without limitation, merger agreements, agreements of consolidation, restructuring, disposition, liquidation or dissolution, deeds, bills of sale, and transfers of tangible property, will not be subject to any document recording tax, stamp tax, conveyance fee, intangibles or similar tax, mortgage tax, stamp act, real estate transfer tax, mortgage recording tax, Uniform Commercial Code filing, or recording fee or other similar tax or governmental assessment in the United States. The Confirmation Order will direct the appropriate

federal, state, or local governmental officials or agents to forgo the collection of any such tax or governmental assessment and to accept for filing and recordation any of the foregoing instruments or other documents without the payment of any such tax or governmental assessment.

#### **K.** Preservation of Causes of Action

In accordance with section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, but subject to Section 9 the Plan, any applicable Final Order, and any applicable Asset Purchase Agreement, each Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, shall retain and may enforce all rights to commence and pursue, as appropriate, any and all Causes of Action of the Debtors, whether arising before or after the Petition Date, including any actions specifically enumerated in the Schedule of Retained Causes of Action, and the Reorganized Debtors' rights to commence, prosecute, or settle such Causes of Action shall be preserved notwithstanding the occurrence of the Effective Date, other than the Causes of Action released by the Debtors pursuant to the releases and exculpations contained in the Plan, including in Section 9 of the Plan, pursuant to a Final Order, or as assigned and transferred pursuant to any applicable Asset Purchase Agreement, which, in each case, shall be deemed released and waived by the Debtors and the Reorganized Debtors as of the Effective Date.

The Reorganized Debtors may pursue such retained Causes of Action, as appropriate, in accordance with the best interests of the Reorganized Debtors. No Entity may rely on the absence of a specific reference in the Plan, the Plan Supplement, or the Disclosure Statement to any Causes of Action against it as any indication that the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, will not pursue any and all available Causes of Action of the Debtors against it. Except as specifically released under the Plan or pursuant to a Final Order or as assigned or transferred pursuant to any applicable Asset Purchase Agreement, the Debtors and the Reorganized Debtors expressly reserve all rights to prosecute any and all Causes of Action against any Entity, except as otherwise expressly provided in the Plan, including Section 9 of the Plan, pursuant to a Final Order, or as assigned and transferred under any applicable Asset Purchase Agreement. Unless otherwise agreed upon in writing by the parties to the applicable Causes of Action, all objections to the Schedule of Retained Causes of Action must be Filed with the Bankruptcy Court on or before thirty days after the Effective Date. Any such objection that is not timely Filed shall be disallowed and forever barred, estopped, and enjoined from assertion against any Reorganized Debtor, without the need for any objection or responsive pleading by the Reorganized Debtors or any other party in interest or any further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court. The Reorganized Debtors may settle any such objection without any further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court. If there is any dispute regarding the inclusion of any Causes of Action on the Schedule of Retained Causes of Action that remains unresolved by the Debtors or Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, and the objection party for thirty days, such objection shall be resolved by the Bankruptcy Court. Unless any Causes of Action of the Debtors against an Entity are expressly waived, relinquished, exculpated, released, compromised, or settled in the Plan or a Final Order, the Reorganized Debtors expressly reserve all Causes of Action, for later adjudication, and, therefore, no preclusion doctrine, including the doctrines of res judicata, collateral estoppel, issue preclusion, claim preclusion, estoppel (judicial, equitable, or otherwise), or laches, shall apply to such Causes of Action upon, after, or as a consequence of the Confirmation or Consummation.

The Reorganized Debtors reserve and shall retain such Causes of Action of the Debtors notwithstanding the rejection or repudiation of any Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease during the Chapter 11 Cases or pursuant to the Plan. In accordance with section 1123(b)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code, and except as expressly waived, relinquished, exculpated, released, compromised, or settled in the Plan or pursuant to a Final Order, any Causes of Action that a Debtor may hold against any Entity shall vest in the Reorganized Debtors, except as otherwise expressly provided in the Plan, including Section 9 of the Plan. The applicable Reorganized Debtors, through their authorized agents or representatives, shall retain and may exclusively enforce any and all such Causes of Action. The Reorganized Debtors shall have the exclusive right, authority, and discretion to determine and to initiate, file, prosecute, enforce, abandon, settle, compromise, release, withdraw, or litigate to judgment any such Causes of Action and to decline to do any of the foregoing without the consent or approval of any third party or further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court.

Below are certain Retained Causes of Action that the Reorganized Debtors or the Plan Administrator, as applicable, may pursue in accordance with the best interests of the Reorganized Debtors and their Estates. Further information on the Retained Causes of Action will be included on the Schedule of Retained Causes of Action, to be filed with the Plan Supplement.

#### 1. Atlas Technology Group LLC

On September 2, 2021, CN LLC and Atlas Technology Group LLC ("Atlas") entered into that certain master agreement (the "Master Agreement"), under which CN LLC agreed to provide, subject to specified terms and conditions, "colocation" and other services for Atlas-owned Bitcoin mining equipment (the "Equipment") as specified in an attached order form. The Master Agreement was an exceptionally valuable agreement in which Atlas committed to pay CN LLC more than \$130 million over the term of the Master Agreement. The Debtors possess multiple Claims and Causes of Action against Atlas resulting from certain breaches of Atlas' obligations under the Master Agreement. Atlas' breaches include, among others, failing to (i) deliver the Equipment as promised, and (ii) pay deposits and other amounts due and owing under the Master Agreement. Rather than comply with its obligations under the Master Agreement and rectify the breaches thereunder, on June 16, 2022, Atlas purported (ineffectually) to terminate the Master Agreement, claiming an excess of "Outage Days" despite having never notified CN LLC of a single Outage Day as required under the Master Agreement. After Atlas failed to pay certain amounts within the contractual cure period under the Master Agreement, on July 11, 2022, CN LLC informed Atlas that it had duly terminated the Master Agreement and demanded payment in accordance with its express terms, including, as liquidated damages, all amounts due for the remainder of the applicable term of the Master Agreement.

#### 2. RK Mission Critical, LLC

Prior to the Petition Date, CN LLC was party to that certain teaming agreement, dated as of April 20, 2020 (collectively with the Standard Terms and Conditions of Sale, Revision November 2020 referenced in order forms thereunder (the "Terms"), as amended, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time, the "Teaming Agreement"), under which RK Mission Critical LLC, a Colorado limited liability company ("RKMC"), agreed to provide, and CN LLC agreed to accept, the assistance of RKMC in designing, developing and manufacturing modules

for CN LLC's business. On December 21, 2021, CN LLC executed a purchase order (the "<u>Purchase Order</u>") to purchase certain containers from RKMC, which was governed by and subject to the Terms and by which CN LLC granted RKMC "a security interest in any Goods provided by RKMC and all attachments, replacements and proceeds thereof, to secure Buyer's performance hereunder and payment of the purchase price, interest on any past-due amounts as set forth in Section 2 and the costs of collection, including reasonable attorney's fees."

At the time the purchased containers were actually delivered to CN LLC, pursuant to the Purchase Order, RKMC had not filed a UCC-1 financing statement to perfect its security interest in the containers. On or about July 26, 2022, RKMC filed a UCC-1 financing statement (the "July 26 Financing Statement") against CN LLC with the secretary of state of the State of Delaware. The July 26 Financing Statement purported to perfect a security interest in "[a]ll goods sold by [RKMC] and delivered to [CNN LLC] including, without limitation, all Goods sold by [RKMC] and delivered to Debtor hereafter, wherever located," including the purchased containers. On July 28, 2022, RKMC filed a UCC-3 statement (the "UCC-3", and collectively with the July 26 Financing Statement, the "Financing Statements") amending the collateral description contained in the July 26 Financing Statement to provide a specific list of containers that were to be subject to RKMC's security interest. The effect of the UCC-3 was to render unperfected RKMC's security interest in containers RKMC had delivered to CNN LLC other than those listed in the UCC-3.

The filing of the Financing Statements occurred less than ninety (90) days prior to the Petition Date. The filing of the Financing Statements and the purported perfection of RKMC's security interest as set forth therein, were transfers within the meaning of 11 U.S.C. §§ 101(54) and 547 (the "Transfers"). The Transfers occurred more than thirty (30) days after the delivery of the purchased containers to CN LLC. Upon the commencement of these Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors' interests in the delivered containers became property of the Debtors' Estates. As such, the Debtors possess colorable claims against RKMC to avoid the Transfers under 11 U.S.C. § 547(b), and to preserve the Transfers and any purported security interest granted thereby, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 551, for the benefit of the Debtors' Estates.

#### 3. Rohit Shirole

Rohit Shirole ("Shirole") was formerly employed by CN LLC and Holdings as a Vice President of Strategy and Business Development. On December 8, 2021, Shirole's employment was terminated for cause. Shortly thereafter, Shirole commenced a lawsuit against CN LLC and Holdings in the Fourth Judicial District for the State of Minnesota, Hennepin County, styled *Rohit Shirole v. Compute North Holdings, Inc. and Compute North LLC*, Case No. 22-CV-22-2274 (the "Minnesota Action") asserting various claims arising out of his employment. On March 4, 2022, CN LLC and Holdings filed their answer to Shirole's complaint in the Minnesota Action, asserting various counterclaims, including (i) breach of the duty of loyalty, (ii) tortious interference with contract, and (iii) unfair competition. The parties proceeded through the Minnesota Action as well as through mediation in the months leading up to the Petition Date. However, the mediation was unsuccessful and the parties did not reach a resolution. The Minnesota Action was stayed upon the commencement of the Chapter 11 Cases.

#### L. Treatment of Executory Contracts and Insurance Policies

#### 1. Assumption or Rejection of Executory Contracts

On the Effective Date, except as otherwise provided herein or the Confirmation Order, each Executory Contract and Unexpired Lease not previously rejected, assumed, or assumed and assigned, including, without limitation, any employee benefit plans, severance plans, and other Executory Contracts under which employee obligations arise, shall be deemed automatically rejected pursuant to sections 365 and 1123 of the Bankruptcy Code, unless such Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease: (1) is a contract, instrument, release, indenture, or other agreement or document entered into in connection with the Plan; (2) is a D&O Policy or relates to the indemnification obligations of the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors or the Plan Administrator; (3); is subject to a rejection notice or assumption notice Filed with the Bankruptcy Court, or (4) is an Asset Purchase Agreement. Entry of the Confirmation Order by the Bankruptcy Court shall constitute approval of such assumptions, assignments, and rejections, including the assumption and assignment of the Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases as provided in the Plan Supplement, pursuant to sections 365(a) and 1123 of the Bankruptcy Code.

#### 2. No Cure Obligations

Except as set forth in the Plan Supplement, there are no anticipated cure obligations with respect to any Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease to which the Debtors are a party. Unless otherwise determined by the Bankruptcy Court pursuant to a Final Order or agreed to by the parties thereto prior to the Effective Date, no payments shall be required to cure any defaults of the Debtors existing as of the Confirmation Date with respect to any Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease assumed pursuant to the Plan. Subject to the occurrence of the Effective Date, the entry of the Confirmation Order shall constitute a finding by the Bankruptcy Court that (i) each such assumption is in the best interest of the Debtors and their Estates, and (ii) the requirements of section 365(b)(l) of the Bankruptcy Code are deemed satisfied.

#### 3. Insurance Policies, D&O Insurance and Agreements

Each of the Debtors' insurance policies that is executory, including D&O Insurance, and any agreements, documents, or instruments relating thereto, shall be assumed by the Debtors on behalf of the applicable Debtor and vest in the applicable Reorganized Debtor effective as of the Effective Date, pursuant to sections 365 and 1123 of the Bankruptcy Code, unless (a) such insurance policy previously was rejected by the Debtors or the Debtors' Estates pursuant to a Bankruptcy Court order or a request to reject such insurance policy is pending on the Effective Date, or (b) such insurance policy was previously assumed and assigned to a Purchase under an Asset Purchase Agreement. Coverage for defense and indemnity under any of the D&O Policies shall remain available to all individuals within the definition of "Insured" in any of the D&O Policies. Modifications, Amendments, Supplements, Restatements, or Other Agreements.

#### 4. Post-Petition Contracts and Leases

Contracts and leases entered into after the Petition Date by any Debtor, including any Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases assumed by such Debtor, will be performed by the applicable Debtor or the Reorganized Debtors in the ordinary course of their business.

Accordingly, such contracts and leases (including any assumed Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases) will survive and remain unaffected by entry of the Confirmation Order.

### 5. Modifications, Amendments, Supplements, Restatements or Other Agreements

Unless otherwise provided in the Plan, each Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease that is assumed shall include all modifications, amendments, supplements, restatements, or other agreements that in any manner affect such Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease, and all Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases related thereto, if any, including all easements, licenses, permits, rights, privileges, immunities, options, rights of first refusal, and any other interests, unless any of the foregoing agreements has been previously rejected or repudiated or is rejected or repudiated under the Plan.

Modifications, amendments, supplements, and restatements to prepetition Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases that have been executed by the Debtors during the Chapter 11 Cases shall not be deemed to alter the prepetition nature of the Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease, or the validity, priority, or amount of any Claims that may arise in connection therewith.

### M. Discharges, Releases, Exculpations, and Injunctions; Survival of Indemnification and Exculpation Obligations

#### 1. Discharges

#### a. Discharge of Claims and Termination of Interests

Pursuant to section 1141(d) of the Bankruptcy Code and except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan, or in any contract, instrument, or other agreement or document created pursuant to the Plan, the distributions, rights, and treatment that are provided in the Plan shall be in complete satisfaction, discharge, and release, effective as of the Effective Date, of Claims, Interests, and Causes of Action of any nature whatsoever, including any interest accrued on Claims or Interests from and after the Petition Date, whether known or unknown, against, liabilities of, liens on, obligations of, rights against, and Interests in the Debtors or any of their assets or properties, regardless of whether any property shall have been distributed or retained pursuant to the Plan on account of such Claims and Interests, including demands, liabilities, and Causes of Action that arose before the Effective Date, any liability (including withdrawal liability) to the extent such Claims or Interests relate to services that employees of the Debtors have performed prior to the Effective Date, and that arise from a termination of employment, any contingent or non contingent liability on account of representations or warranties issued on or before the Effective Date, and all debts of the kind specified in sections 502(g), 502(h), or 502(i) of the Bankruptcy Code, in each case whether or not (1) a Proof of Claim based upon such debt or right is Filed or deemed Filed pursuant to section 501 of the Bankruptcy Code, (2) a Claim or Interest based upon such debt, right, or Interest is Allowed pursuant to section 502 of the Bankruptcy Code, or (3) the holder of such a Claim or Interest has accepted the Plan. The Confirmation Order, if applicable, shall be a judicial determination of the discharge of all Claims and Interests subject to the occurrence of the Effective Date.

#### 2. Releases

#### a. Release of Liens

Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, the Confirmation Order, or in any contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document amended or created pursuant to the Plan, on the Effective Date and concurrently with the applicable distributions made pursuant to the Plan and, in the case of a Secured Claim, satisfaction in full of the portion of the Secured Claim that is Allowed as of the Effective Date, except for Secured Claims that the Debtors elect to Reinstate in accordance with the Plan, all mortgages, deeds of trust, Liens, pledges, or other security interests against any property of the Estates shall be fully released and discharged, and all of the right, title, and interest of any holder of such mortgages, deeds of trust, Liens, pledges, or other security interests shall revert to the Reorganized Debtors and their successors and assigns. Any holder of such Secured Claim (and the applicable agents for such holder) shall be authorized and directed, at the sole cost and expense of the Reorganized Debtors, to release any collateral or other property of any Debtor (including any cash collateral and possessory collateral) held by such holder (and the applicable agents for such holder) and to take such actions as may be reasonably requested by the Reorganized Debtors to evidence the release of such Liens and/or security interests, including the execution, delivery, and filing or recording of such releases. The presentation or filing of the Confirmation Order to or with any federal, state, provincial, or local agency, records office, or department shall constitute good and sufficient evidence of, but shall not be required to effect, the termination of such Liens.

To the extent that any holder of a Secured Claim that has been satisfied or discharged in full pursuant to the Plan, or any agent for such holder, has filed or recorded publicly any Liens and/or security interests to secure such holder's Secured Claim, then as soon as practicable on or after the Effective Date, such holder (or the agent for such holder) shall take any and all steps requested by the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors that are necessary or desirable to record or effectuate the cancellation and/or extinguishment of such Liens and/or security interests, including the making of any applicable filings or recordings, and the Reorganized Debtors shall be entitled to make any such filings or recordings on such holder's behalf.

On the Effective Date, concurrently with the consummation of an Wind-Down Restructuring that is consummated under the Plan and except as set forth in any Asset Purchase Agreement, the assets sold in such Wind-Down Restructuring shall be transferred to and vest in the Purchaser free and clear of all Liens, Claims, charges, interests or other encumbrances pursuant to sections 363(f) and 1141(c) of the Bankruptcy Code and in accordance with the terms of the Sale Order (which may be the Confirmation Order), the Plan and any Asset Purchase Agreement, as applicable.

#### b. Releases by the Debtors

Effective as of the Effective Date, pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, for good and valuable consideration, including the obligations of the Debtors under the Plan and the contributions and services of the Released Parties in facilitating the expeditious

reorganization of the Debtors and implementation of the restructuring contemplated by the Plan, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, on and after the Effective Date, each Released Party is conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably, and forever released and discharged by each and all of the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, and their Estates. in each case on behalf of themselves and their respective successors, assigns, and representatives, and any and all other Entities who may purport to assert any claim or Cause of Action, directly or derivatively, by, through, for, or because of the foregoing Entities, from any and all Claims, Interests, obligations, rights, suits, damages, Causes of Action, remedies, and liabilities whatsoever, including any derivative claims, asserted or assertable on behalf of any of the Debtors or their Estates, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, matured or unmatured, existing or hereafter arising, in law, equity, contract, tort, or otherwise, that the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, their Estates or their Affiliates would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively) or on behalf of the Holder of any Claim against, or Interest in, a Debtor or other Entity, based on or relating to (including the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation, entry into, or filing of, as applicable), or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Debtors (including the management, ownership, or operation thereof), the purchase, sale, or rescission of the purchase or sale of any security of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, the subject matter of, or the transactions or events giving rise to, any Claim or Interest that is treated in the Plan, the business or contractual arrangements between any Debtor and any Released Party, the Debtors' in- or out of court restructuring efforts, the decision to file the Chapter 11 Cases, any intercompany transactions, the Chapter 11 Cases, the Plan (including the Plan Supplement), the Disclosure Statement, the pursuit of Confirmation and Consummation, the pursuit of Asset Sales, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including the issuance or distribution of Securities pursuant to the Plan, or the distribution of property under the Plan or any other related agreement, but not, for the avoidance of doubt, any legal opinion effective as of the Effective Date requested by any Entity regarding any transaction, contract, instrument, document, or other agreement contemplated by the Plan, or upon any other act, omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the releases set forth above do not release (1) any obligations arising on or after the Effective Date of any party or Entity under the Plan, any Restructuring Transaction, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan as set forth in the Plan; (2) any Causes of Action to the extent set forth on the Schedule of Retained Causes of Action; or (3) claims or liabilities arising out of or relating to a Released Party's actual fraud, willful misconduct, or gross negligence as determined by a final order of the Bankruptcy Court.

Entry of the Confirmation Order shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's approval, pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019, of the Debtor Release, which includes by reference each of the related provisions and definitions contained in the Plan, and further, shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's finding that the Debtor Release is: (1) in exchange for the good and valuable consideration provided by the Released Parties, including the Released Parties' contributions to facilitating the Wind Down Transactions and implementing the Plan; (2) a good faith settlement and compromise of the Claims released by the Debtor Release; (3) in the best interests of the Debtors and all Holders of Claims and Interests; (4) fair, equitable, and reasonable; (5) given and made after due notice and opportunity for hearing; and (6) a

bar to any of the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, or the Debtors' Estates asserting any Claim or Cause of Action of any kind whatsoever released pursuant to the Debtor Release.

#### c. Releases by the Releasing Parties

Effective as of the Effective Date, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, including the obligations of the Debtors under the Plan and the contributions and services of the Released Parties in facilitating the expeditious reorganization of the Debtors and implementation of the restructuring contemplated by the Plan, pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, in each case except for Claims arising under, or preserved by, the Plan, each Releasing Party (other than the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors), in each case on behalf of itself and its respective successors, assigns, and representatives, and any and all other entities who may purport to assert any Claim, Cause of Action, directly or derivatively, by, through, for, or because of a Releasing Party, is deemed to have conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably, and forever released and discharged each Debtor, Reorganized Debtor, and each other Released Party from any and all claims, interests, obligations, rights, suits, damages, Causes of Action, remedies, and liabilities whatsoever, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, existing or hereafter arising, in law, equity or otherwise, including any derivative claims, asserted or assertable on behalf of any of the Debtors, their Estates or their Affiliates, that such Entity would have been legally entitled to assert (whether individually or collectively), based on or relating to (including the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation, entry into, or filing of, as applicable), or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Debtors (including the management, ownership or operation thereof), the purchase, sale, or rescission of the purchase or sale of any security of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, the subject matter of, or the transactions or events giving rise to, any Claim or Interest that is treated in the Plan, the business or contractual arrangements between any Debtor and any Released Party, the Debtors' in- or out of court restructuring efforts, the decision to file the Chapter 11 Cases, any intercompany transactions, the Chapter 11 Cases, the Plan (including the Plan Supplement), the Disclosure Statement, the pursuit of Confirmation and Consummation, the pursuit of Asset Sales, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including the distribution of property under the Plan or any other related agreement, but not, for the avoidance of doubt, any legal opinion effective as of the Effective Date requested by any Entity regarding any transaction, contract, instrument, document, or other agreement contemplated by the Plan, or upon any other act, omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the releases set forth above do not release (1) any obligations arising on or after the Effective Date of any party or Entity under the Plan, any Restructuring Transaction, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan as set forth in the Plan; or (2) claims or liabilities arising out of or relating to a Released Party's actual fraud, willful misconduct, or gross negligence as determined by a final order of the Bankruptcy Court.

Entry of the Confirmation Order shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's approval, pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019, of the Third-Party Release, which includes by reference each of the related provisions and definitions contained in the Plan, and, further, shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's finding that the Third-Party Release is: (1) consensual;

(2) essential to the confirmation of the Plan; (3) given in exchange for the good and valuable consideration provided by the Released Parties, including the Released Parties' contributions to facilitating the Wind Down Transactions and implementing the Plan; (4) a good faith settlement and compromise of the Claims released by the Third-Party Release; (e) in the best interests of the Debtors and their Estates; (5) fair, equitable, and reasonable; (6) given and made after due notice and opportunity for hearing; and (7) a bar to any of the Releasing Parties asserting any claim or Cause of Action of any kind whatsoever released pursuant to the Third-Party Release.

#### 3. Exculpations and Injunctions

#### a. Exculpation

Effective as of the Effective Date, and without affecting or limiting either the Debtor Release or the Third-Party Release, and except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan, no Exculpated Party shall have or incur, and each Exculpated Party is released and exculpated from any Cause of Action or any claim arising from the Petition Date through the Effective Date related to any act or omission in connection with, relating to, or arising out of, the Chapter 11 Cases, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation, entry into, or filing of, as applicable the Chapter 11 Cases, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan (including the Plan Supplement), or any Restructuring Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection with the Disclosure Statement or the Plan, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including the issuance of Securities pursuant to the Plan, or the distribution of property under the Plan or any other related agreement (excluding, for the avoidance of doubt, providing any legal opinion effective as of the Effective Date requested by any Entity regarding any transaction, contract, instrument, document, or other agreement contemplated by the Plan), except for claims related to any act or omission that is determined in a Final Order to have constituted actual fraud, willful misconduct, or gross negligence, but in all respects such Entities shall be entitled to reasonably rely upon the advice of counsel with respect to their duties and responsibilities pursuant to the Plan. The Exculpated Parties have, and upon Consummation of the Plan shall be deemed to have, participated in good faith and in compliance with the applicable laws with regard to the solicitation of votes and distribution of consideration pursuant to the Plan and, therefore, are not, and on account of such distributions shall not be, liable at any time for the violation of any applicable law, rule, or regulation governing the solicitation of acceptances or rejections of the Plan or such distributions made pursuant to the Plan. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the exculpation shall not release any obligation or liability of any Entity for any post-Effective Date obligation under the Plan or any document, instrument or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan.

#### b. Injunctions

Except as otherwise expressly provided in the Plan, or for obligations issued or required to be paid pursuant to the Plan or the Confirmation Order, all Entities who have held, hold, or may hold claims or interests that have been released, discharged, or are subject

to exculpation are permanently enjoined, from and after the Effective Date, from taking any of the following actions against, as applicable, the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, the Exculpated Parties, or the Released Parties: (1) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such claims or interests; (2) enforcing, attaching, collecting, or recovering by any manner or means any judgment, award, decree, or order against such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such claims or interests; (3) creating, perfecting, or enforcing any encumbrance of any kind against such Entities or the property or the estates of such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such claims or interests; (4) asserting any right of setoff, subrogation, or recoupment of any kind against any obligation due from such Entities or against the property of such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such claims or interests unless such holder has Filed a motion requesting the right to perform such setoff on or before the Effective Date, and notwithstanding an indication of a claim or interest or otherwise that such holder asserts, has, or intends to preserve any right of setoff pursuant to applicable law or otherwise; and (5) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such claims or interests released or settled pursuant to the Plan.

#### 4. Survival of Indemnification and Exculpation Obligations

Consistent with applicable law, all indemnification provisions in place as of the Effective Date (whether in the by-laws, certificates of incorporation or formation, limited liability company agreements, other organizational documents, board resolutions, indemnification agreements, employment contracts, or otherwise) for current and former members of any Governing Body, directors, officers, managers, employees, attorneys, accountants, investment bankers, and other professionals of the Debtors, as applicable, shall (1) not be discharged, impaired, or otherwise affected in any way, including by the Plan, the Plan Supplement, or the Confirmation Order, (2) remain intact, in full force and effect, and irrevocable, (3) not be limited, reduced or terminated after the Effective Date, and (4) survive the effectiveness of the Plan on terms no less favorable to such current and former directors, officers, managers, employees, attorneys, accountants, investment bankers, and other professionals of the Debtors than the indemnification provisions in place prior to the Effective Date irrespective of whether such indemnification obligation is owed for an act or event occurring before, on or after the Petition Date. All such obligations shall be deemed and treated as executory contracts to be assumed by the Debtors under the Plan and shall continue as obligations of the Reorganized Debtors. Any Claim based on the Debtors' obligations under the Plan shall not be a Disputed Claim or subject to any objection, in either case, for any reason, including by reason of section 502(e)(1)(B) of the Bankruptcy Code.

### ARTICLE VII. CONFIRMATION PROCEDURES

### A. Combined Hearing on Confirmation and Final Approval of Disclosure Statement and Solicitation

The Debtors filed a motion seeking entry of a proposed Disclosure Statement Order approving this Disclosure Statement. Pursuant to Paragraph P of the Bankruptcy Court's

Procedures for Complex Cases (Effective August 1, 2021). The Debtors obtained conditional approval of the Disclosure Statement on November [•], 2022 Docket No. [•].

Under section 1128(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Court, after notice, may hold a hearing to confirm a plan. The Debtors intend to seek final approval of the Disclosure Statement and Confirmation of the Plan at the Combined Hearing. Pursuant to the interim Disclosure Statement Order, the Combined Hearing is scheduled to commence on [January 9], 2023, at [•] [•].m., prevailing Central Time, before the Honorable Judge Marvin Isgur, United States Bankruptcy Judge, in Courtroom 404 of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas, 515 Rusk Street, Houston, Texas 19801. The Combined Hearing, once set, may be continued from time to time without further notice other than an adjournment announced in open court or a notice of adjournment filed with the Bankruptcy Court and served on those parties who have requested notice under Bankruptcy Rule 2002 and the entities who have filed an objection to the Plan, if any, without further notice to parties in interest. The Bankruptcy Court, in its discretion and prior to the Combined Hearing, may put in place additional procedures governing the Combined Hearing. Subject to section 1127 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Plan may be modified, if necessary, prior to, during, or as a result of the Combined Hearing, without further notice to parties in interest.

Additionally, section 1128(b) of the Bankruptcy Code provides that any party in interest may object to Confirmation. The Debtors, in the same motion requesting a date for the Combined Hearing, will request that the Bankruptcy Court set a date and time for parties in interest to file Plan objections. All objections to the Plan must be in writing, must conform to the Bankruptcy Rules and the Local Rules, set forth the name of the objector, the nature and amount of the Claims held or asserted by the objector against the Debtors' estates or properties, the basis for the objection and the specific grounds therefore, and must be filed with the Bankruptcy Court and served on the Debtors and certain other parties in interest in accordance with the applicable order of the Bankruptcy Court so that they are received on or before the deadline to file such objections as set forth therein.

#### B. Requirements for Confirmation of the Plan

Among the requirements for Confirmation are (1) that the Plan is accepted by all Impaired Classes of Claims and Interests or, if rejected by an Impaired Class, that the Plan "does not discriminate unfairly", (2) the Plan is "fair and equitable" as to such Class, (3) the Plan is feasible, and (4) the Plan is in the "best interests" of Holders of Claims and Interests that are Impaired under the Plan. The following requirements must be satisfied pursuant to section 1129(a) of the Bankruptcy Code before the Bankruptcy Court may confirm a plan. The Plan fully complies with the statutory requirements for Confirmation listed below.

- The Plan complies with all of the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code.
- The proponents of the Plan have complied, or will have complied, with all of the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code.
- The Plan has been proposed in good faith and not by any means forbidden by law.

- Any payment made or to be made by the Debtors (or any other proponent of the Plan) or by a Person issuing securities or acquiring property under the Plan, for services or for costs and expenses in or in connection with the Chapter 11 Cases, in connection with the Plan and incident to the Chapter 11 Cases is subject to the approval of the Bankruptcy Court as reasonable.
- With respect to each Holder within an Impaired Class of Claims or Interests, each such Holder has (a) accepted the Plan or (b) will receive or retain under the Plan on account of such Claim or Interest property of a value, as of the Effective Date, that is not less than the amount that such Holder would so receive or retain if the Debtors were liquidated under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code on such date.
- With respect to each Class of Claims or Interests, such Class (a) has accepted the Plan or (b) is Unimpaired under the Plan (subject to the "cram-down" provisions discussed below).
- The Plan provides for treatment of Claims, as applicable, in accordance with the provisions of section 507(a) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- If a Class of Claims or Interests is Impaired under the Plan, at least one Class of Claims or Interests that is Impaired under the Plan has accepted the Plan, determined without including any acceptance of the Plan by any Insider.
- Confirmation is not likely to be followed by the liquidation, or the need for further financial reorganization, of the Reorganized Debtors, or any successor to the Debtors under the Plan, unless such liquidation or reorganization is proposed in the Plan.
- All fees payable under 28 U.S.C. § 1930 have been paid or the Plan provides for the payment of all such fees on the Effective Date.

#### C. Best Interests of Creditors / Liquidation Analysis

Often called the "best interests" test, section 1129(a)(7) of the Bankruptcy Code requires that, as a condition to confirmation, each Holder of an Impaired Claim or Interest either (a) accept the Plan or (b) receive or retain under the Plan property of a value, as of the Effective Date, that is not less than the value such Holder would receive if the Debtors were liquidated under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Holders of Claims in the Voting Classes must accept the Plan in order for the Plan to be confirmed, thereby satisfying clause (a) above. The Debtors believe that Holders of Claims in the Voting Classes would receive no distribution if the Debtors were liquidated under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code, for the reasons explained below.

The Debtors believe that under the Plan all holders of Impaired Claims and Interests will receive property with a value not less than the value such holders would receive in a liquidation under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtors' belief is based primarily on (i) consideration of the effects that a chapter 7 liquidation would have on the ultimate proceeds

available for distribution to holders of Impaired Claims and Interests and (ii) the Liquidation Analysis attached hereto as **Exhibit B**. Under the Plan, the Plan Administrator will conduct an orderly marketing and sale process for remaining assets, which is expected to result in higher sale proceeds than the forced-sale approach conducted in chapter 7. Moreover, it is anticipated that, unlike a chapter 7 trustee, the Plan Administrator will have the resources needed to fulfill the conditions precedent in the Foundry Sale for a successful sale of the Minden Facility to Foundry. As such, asset values to be realized through the Plan would likely be diminished if the cases were converted to chapter 7. Furthermore, as a result the increased expenses that would be incurred in the event of a conversion of the Chapter 11 Cases to cases under chapter 7, the value of any Distributions to Holders of Claims or Equity Interests if the Chapter 11 Cases were converted to cases under chapter 7 would be less than the value of distributions hereunder. This is because conversion of the Chapter 11 Cases to chapter 7 would require the appointment of a chapter 7 trustee, and in turn, such chapter 7 trustee's likely retention of new professionals. The "learning curve" that the chapter 7 trustee and new professionals would be faced with comes with additional costs to the Debtors' Estates and delay compared to the time of distributions under the Plan.

The Debtors believe that any liquidation analysis is speculative, as it is necessarily premised on assumptions and estimates, which are inherently subject to significant uncertainties and contingencies, many of which would be beyond the control of the Debtors. The Liquidation Analysis provided in **Exhibit B** is solely for the purpose of disclosing to holders of Claims and Interests the effects of a hypothetical chapter 7 liquidation of the Debtors, subject to the assumptions set forth therein. There can be no assurance as to values that would actually be realized in a chapter 7 liquidation nor can there be any assurance that a bankruptcy court will accept the Debtors' conclusions or concur with such assumptions in making its determinations under section 1129(a)(7) of the Bankruptcy Code.

#### D. Feasibility

Section 1129(a)(11) of the Bankruptcy Code requires that the Bankruptcy Court find, as a condition to confirmation, that the Debtors demonstrate that confirmation of the Plan is not likely to be followed by liquidation or the need for further financial reorganization of the Debtors or any successors to the Debtors, unless such liquidation or reorganization is proposed in the Plan. The Bankruptcy Code requires that a chapter 11 plan provide for payment in full of all Administrative Claims and Priority claims unless holders of such Claims consent to other treatment. The Plan provides for the payment of both Priority Claims and Administrative Claims. The Debtors believe that the Plan is feasible on this basis. See Section 4.2.2 of the Plan for further discussion of the sources of consideration for distributions under the Plan.

Further, as set forth herein, the Debtors commenced the Chapter 11 Cases to allow for an efficient and orderly sale of their Assets, followed by a wind-down process, which the Plan accomplishes. The Debtors will be conducting business operations after the Effective Date, to the extent necessary to implement the Wind-Down Transactions and to monetize the Debtors' assets.

Accordingly, the Debtors believe that Confirmation is not likely to be followed by liquidation or the need for further reorganization.

#### E. Acceptance by Impaired Class

The Bankruptcy Code requires, as a condition to confirmation, that, except as described in Article VII.F below, each class of claims or interests that is impaired under a plan, accept the plan. A class that is not "impaired" under a plan is deemed to have accepted the plan and, therefore, solicitation of acceptances with respect to such class is not required. Section 1126(c) of the Bankruptcy Code defines acceptance of a plan by a class of impaired claims as acceptance by holders of at least two-thirds in dollar amount and more than one-half in number of allowed claims or interests in that class, counting only those claims that actually voted to accept or to reject the plan. Thus, the Voting Classes described herein will have voted to accept the Plan only if two-thirds in amount and a majority in number of Holders of Claims in each Voting Class that actually vote on the Plan vote to accept.

#### F. Confirmation without Acceptance by Impaired Class

Section 1129(b) of the Bankruotcy Court allows a bankruptcy court to confirm a plan over the rejection or deemed rejection of the plan by a class of claims or interests if the plan "does not discriminate unfairly" and is "fair and equitable" with respect to such class.

#### 1. No Unfair Discrimination

This test applies to Classes that are of equal priority and are receiving different treatment under the Plan. The test does not require that the treatment be the same or equivalent, but that such treatment be "fair." The Debtors do not believe the Plan discriminates unfairly against any Impaired Class. The Debtors believe the Plan and the treatment of all Classes under the Plan satisfy the foregoing requirements for nonconsensual confirmation.

#### 2. Fair and Equitable

This test applies to Classes of different priority and status (e.g., secured versus unsecured) and includes the general requirement that no class of claims or interests receive more than 100 percent of the amount of the allowed claims or interests in such Class. As to a dissenting class, the test sets different standards depending on the type of claims or interests of a debtor in such class. In order to demonstrate that a plan is fair and equitable, the plan proponent must demonstrate:

- Class of Secured Claims: That each holder of a secured claim: (a) retains its liens on property to the extent of the allowed amount of its secured claim, and receives deferred cash payments having a value, as of the Effective Date of the Plan, of at least the allowed amount of such claim; (b) has the right to credit bid the amount of its claim if its property is sold and retains its liens on the proceeds of the sale (or if sold, on the proceeds thereof); or (c) receives the "indubitable equivalent" of its allowed secured claim.
- <u>Class of Unsecured Claims</u>: That either (a) each holder of an impaired unsecured claim receives or retains under the plan property of a value equal to the amount of its allowed claim or (b) the holders of claims and interests that

are junior to the claims of the non-accepting class will not receive or retain any property under the plan.

• <u>Class of Equity Interests</u>: That either (a) each holder of an impaired interest will receive or retain under the plan property of a value equal to the greatest of the fixed liquidation preference to which such holder is entitled, the fixed redemption price to which such holder is entitled, or the value of the interest, or (b) the holders of interests that are junior to the non-accepting class will not receive or retain any property under the plan.

The Debtors submit that if the Debtors "cramdown" the Plan pursuant to section 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Plan is structured so that it does not "discriminate unfairly" and satisfies the "fair and equitable" requirement. With respect to the unfair discrimination requirement, all Classes under the Plan are provided treatment that is substantially equivalent to the treatment that is provided to other Classes that have equal rank. With respect to the fair and equitable requirement, no Class under the Plan will receive more than 100 percent of the amount of Allowed Claims or Interests in that Class. The Debtors believe that the Plan and the treatment of all Classes of Claims or Interests under the Plan satisfy the foregoing requirements for nonconsensual Confirmation of the Plan. The Debtors reserve the right to alter, amend, modify, revoke or withdraw the Plan and any exhibits thereto, including to amend or modify it to satisfy the requirements of section 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.

#### G. Alternatives to Confirmation and Consummation of the Plan

The Debtors have evaluated several alternatives to the transactions set forth in the Plan. After studying these alternatives, the Debtors believe that the Plan is the preferred approach to effectuating the company's restructuring and maximizing the prospects of a successful turnaround and value for all stakeholders and, therefore, is in the best interests of all constituencies. If the Plan is not confirmed, the Debtors' ability to continue operating as a going concern could be severely jeopardized. The realistic alternatives likely will be either (i) the preparation and presentation of an alternative chapter 11 plan, (ii) a sale of some or all of the assets of the company pursuant to section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code, or (iii) a liquidation under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code. See **Exhibit B** for a discussion of the effects that a chapter 7 liquidation would have on the recoveries of holders of Claims and Interests.

#### ARTICLE VIII. RISK FACTORS

The following provides a summary of various important considerations and other risk factors associated with the Plan; however, it is not exhaustive. There are risks, uncertainties, and other important factors that could cause the Debtors' actual performance or achievements to be materially different from those they may project, and the Debtors undertake no obligation to update any such statement.

### A. Considerations that May Affect Recoveries Available to Holders of Allowed Claims Under the Plan

# 1. Actual Amounts of Allowed Claims May Differ from Estimated Amounts of Allowed Claims, Thereby Adversely Affecting the Recoveries of Some Holders of Allowed Claims

The estimates of Allowed Claims and recoveries for Holders of Allowed Claims set forth in this Disclosure Statement are based on various assumptions. Should one or more of the underlying assumptions ultimately prove to be incorrect, the actual Allowed amounts of Claims may significantly vary from the estimated Claims contained in this Disclosure Statement. Moreover, the Debtors cannot determine with any certainty at this time the number or amount of Claims that will ultimately be Allowed.

Such differences may materially and adversely affect, among other things, the recoveries to Holders of Allowed Claims and Allowed Interests under the Plan. Some Holders are not entitled to any recovery pursuant to the terms of the Plan, and, depending on the accuracy of the Debtors' various assumptions, even those Holders entitled to a recovery under the terms of the Plan may ultimately receive no recovery.

## 2. The Debtors Cannot State with Certainty What Recovery Will Be Available to Holders of Allowed Claims in the Voting Classes

The Debtors cannot know with certainty, at this time, the final results of the sale transactions, the existence or results of any potential Causes of Action, the number or amount of Claims in the Voting Classes that will ultimately be Allowed, and how the amount of Allowed Claims will compare to the estimates provided herein. For example, a number of Proofs of Claim allege Claims in an unliquidated amount that will require future resolution, making the amount of any Allowed Claim based on such Proof of Claim entirely speculative as of the date of this Disclosure Statement. In addition, the Debtors are continuing to review the Proofs of Claim Filed in their Chapter 11 Cases. As such, the estimated amount of Claims may materially change due to the Debtors' ongoing review. Accordingly, because certain Claims under the Plan will be paid on a Pro Rata basis, the Debtors cannot state with certainty what recoveries will be available to Holders of Allowed Claims in the Voting Classes.

# 3. Any Valuation of Any Assets to be Distributed under the Plan Is Speculative

Any valuation of any of the assets to be distributed under the Plan is necessarily speculative, as it depends on, among other things, proceeds of future asset sales that have not yet occurred as well as the amount of proceeds of litigation identified on the Schedule of Retained Causes of Action, which is inherently uncertain. Accordingly, the ultimate value, if any, of these assets could materially affect, among other things, recoveries to the Debtors' creditors, including Holders of Claims in the Voting Classes.

## 4. The Debtors Cannot Guaranty Recoveries or the Timing of Such Recoveries

Although the Debtors have made commercially reasonable efforts to estimate Allowed Claims, including Administrative Claims, Priority Tax Claims, Other Priority Claims, and General Unsecured Claims, it is possible that the actual amount of such Allowed Claims is materially higher

than the Debtors' estimates and/or the Debtors' available Cash, including Sale Proceeds, is materially lower than the Debtors' estimates. Creditor recoveries could be materially reduced or eliminated in this instance. In addition, the timing of actual distributions to Holders of Allowed Claims may be affected by many factors that cannot be predicted. Therefore, the Debtors cannot guaranty the timing of any recovery on an Allowed Claim.

#### 5. Certain Tax Implications of the Debtors' Bankruptcy

Holders of Allowed Claims entitled to vote should carefully review Article IX of this Disclosure Statement, "Certain United States Federal Income Tax Consequences," for a description of certain tax implications of the Plan and the Chapter 11 Cases. Holders of Allowed Claims should consult with their own tax advisors for the tax implications to them of the Plan and the Chapter 11 Cases. This Disclosure Statement only provides a summary of certain U.S. federal income tax implications of the Plan and the Chapter 11 Cases. Foreign tax considerations are not described herein.

#### 6. The Plan Administrator

The ultimate amount of Cash available to make distributions to Holders of Allowed Claims depends, in part, proceeds from the sale of the Debtors' assets, as well as the manner in which the Plan Administrator conducts the wind-down process. The expenses of the Plan Administrator will be given priority over distributions to Holders of Allowed Claims. As a result, if the Plan Administrator incurs professional or other expenses in excess of current expectations, the amount of distributions to Holders of Allowed Claims will decrease.

The ultimate amount of Cash available for distributions to Holders of Allowed Claims also will be affected by the performance and relative success of the Plan Administrator in pursuing the Retained Causes of Action. The less successful the Plan Administrator is in pursuing such matters, the less Cash there will be available for distribution to Holders of Allowed Claims.

There is a risk that the Plan Administrator may be unable to pursue certain Retained Causes of Action or assert claims in connection therewith because of inadequate funding and inability to retain counsel on a contingent fee basis.

#### 7. Releases

The Plan proposes to release the Released Parties. The Debtors' assert that releases and third-party releases, included in the Plan are an integral part of the Debtors' overall restructuring efforts. Importantly, (a) all Holders of Claims or Interests that vote to accept or are presumed to accept the Plan, (b) all Holders of Claims or Interests that abstain from voting on the Plan and who do not affirmatively opt out of the releases provided by the Plan by checking the box on the applicable form or ballot indicating that they opt not to grant the releases provided in the Plan, and (c) all Holders of Claims or Interests that vote to reject the Plan or are deemed to reject the Plan and who do not affirmatively opt out of the releases provided by the Plan by checking the box on the applicable form or ballot indicating that they opt not to grant the releases provided in the Plan, will be deemed to have expressly, unconditionally, generally, individually, and collectively released and settled all Claims and Causes of Action against the Debtors.

#### **B.** Bankruptcy-Specific Considerations

### 1. Objections to the Plan's Classification or Amounts of Claims and Interests

Section 1122 of the Bankruptcy Code provides that a plan may place a claim or an interest in a particular class only if such claim or interest is substantially similar to the other claims or interests in such class. The Debtors believe that the classification of the Claims and Interests under the Plan complies with the requirements set forth in the Bankruptcy Code because the Debtors created Classes of Claims and Interests, each encompassing Claims or Interests, as applicable, that are substantially similar to the other Claims and Interests in each such Class. Nevertheless, there can be no assurance that parties in interest will not object to the classification or amounts of Claims and Interests under the Plan, or that the Bankruptcy Court will approve such classification or amounts.

### 2. The Conditions Precedent to the Effective Date of the Plan May Not Occur

As more fully set forth in Section 10 of the Plan, the Effective Date is subject to a number of conditions precedent. If such conditions precedent are not satisfied or waived, the Effective Date will not occur.

#### 3. Failure to Satisfy Voting Requirements

If votes are received in number and amount sufficient to enable the Bankruptcy Court to confirm the Plan, the Debtors intend to seek, as promptly as practicable thereafter, Confirmation. In the event that sufficient votes are not received, the Debtors may seek to confirm an alternative chapter 11 plan. There can be no assurance that the terms of any such alternative chapter 11 plan would be similar or as favorable to the Holders of Allowed Claims as those proposed in the Plan.

#### 4. Amendment of Plan Prior to Confirmation by the Debtors

The Debtors, subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan, reserve the right to modify the terms and conditions of the Plan or waive any conditions thereto if and to the extent necessary or desirable for Confirmation. The potential impact of any such amendment or waiver on holders of Claims and Interests cannot presently be foreseen but may include a change in the economic impact of the Plan on some or all of the proposed Classes or a change in the relative rights of such Classes. In addition, if the Debtors seek to modify or amend the Plan after receiving sufficient acceptances, but prior to Confirmation, re-solicitation may be required.

#### 5. Non-Confirmation or Delay of Confirmation of the Plan

In the event that votes are received in number and amount sufficient to enable the Bankruptcy Court to confirm the Plan, the Debtors intend to seek, as promptly as practicable thereafter, Confirmation of the Plan. Section 1129 of the Bankruptcy Code sets forth the requirements for confirmation of a chapter 11 plan, and requires, among other things, findings by a bankruptcy court that: (a) such plan "does not unfairly discriminate" and is "fair and equitable" with respect to any non-accepting classes; (b) confirmation of such plan is not likely to be followed

by a liquidation or a need for further financial reorganization unless such liquidation or reorganization is contemplated by the plan; and (c) the value of distributions to non-accepting holders of claims or equity interests within a particular class under such plan will not be less than the value of distributions such holders would receive if the Debtors were liquidated under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code.

The Bankruptcy Court may determine that this Disclosure Statement and/or the solicitation procedures did not satisfy the requirements of the Bankruptcy Code or the Bankruptcy Rules or may decline to confirm the Plan if it finds that any of the statutory requirements for Confirmation have not been met, including the requirement that the terms of the Plan do not "unfairly discriminate" and are "fair and equitable" to non-accepting Classes, or the Plan contains other terms disapproved of by the Bankruptcy Court. If the Debtors fail to achieve Confirmation, absent an immediate cash infusion, the Chapter 11 Cases would likely be converted to chapter 7.

Even if the requisite acceptances of a proposed plan are received, the Bankruptcy Court is not obligated to confirm the Plan as proposed. A dissenting Holder could challenge the solicitation procedures as not being in compliance with the Bankruptcy Code, which could mean that the results of the solicitation may be invalid. If the Bankruptcy Court determined that the solicitation procedures were appropriate and the results were valid, the Bankruptcy Court could still decline to confirm the Plan if the Bankruptcy Court found that any of the statutory requirements for confirmation had not been met.

If the Plan is not confirmed by the Bankruptcy Court, (a) the distributions that Holders of Claims or Interests ultimately would receive, if any, with respect to their Claims or Interests is uncertain, and (b) there is no assurance that the Debtors will be able to successfully develop, prosecute, confirm, and consummate an alternative plan that will be acceptable to the Bankruptcy Court and the Holders of Claims or Interests.

#### 6. Non-Consensual Confirmation

The Debtors intend to seek Confirmation notwithstanding the deemed rejection of the Plan by certain Classes of Claims or Interests. The Bankruptcy Court may confirm the Plan pursuant to the "cram-down" provisions of the Bankruptcy Code if the Plan satisfies section 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy Code. To confirm a plan over the objection of a dissenting class, the Bankruptcy Court also must find that at least one Impaired Class (which cannot be an "insider" class) has accepted the Plan.

### 7. Other Parties-in-Interest May Be Permitted to Propose Alternative Plans that Are Less Favorable to Certain Stakeholders

Other parties in interest could seek authority from the Bankruptcy Court to propose an alternative chapter 11 plan. Under the Bankruptcy Code, a Debtor in possession initially has the exclusive right to propose and solicit acceptances of a chapter 11 plan for a period of 120 days from filing. Such exclusivity period can be reduced or terminated, however, upon order of the Bankruptcy Court. If such an order were to be entered, other parties in interest would then have the opportunity to propose one or more alternative plans.

#### 8. Conversion to Chapter 7

If no chapter 11 plan can be confirmed, or if the Bankruptcy Court otherwise finds that it would be in the best interest of Holders of Claims and Interests, the Chapter 11 Cases may be converted to cases under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code, pursuant to which a trustee would be appointed or elected to liquidate the Debtors' assets for distribution in accordance with the priorities established by the Bankruptcy Code. See **Exhibit B** for a discussion of the effects that a chapter 7 liquidation would have on the recoveries of holders of Claims and Interests.

#### 9. Failure to Obtain Approval of Releases, Injunctions, and Exculpation

Section IX of the Plan provides for certain releases, injunctions, and exculpations, including a release of liens and third-party releases of claims that may otherwise be asserted against the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, and the other Released Parties, among others. The releases, injunctions, and exculpations (including, for the avoidance of doubt, the definitions of Released Parties and Exculpated Parties) provided in the Plan are subject to objection by parties in interest and may not be approved. If the releases are not approved, certain parties may not be considered Released Parties or Exculpated Parties, and certain Released Parties may withdraw their support for the Plan.

#### 10. Failure to Generate Sufficient Cash to Continue in Chapter 11

The Debtors may not be able to generate sufficient Cash to continue operating in chapter 11 for a prolonged period of time. It is also unclear whether the Debtors will be able to obtain postpetition financing to fund administrative expenses through confirmation of an alternative chapter 11 plan.

#### 11. Plan Based on Assumptions

The Plan affects both the Debtors' capital structure and the ownership, structure, and operation of its businesses and reflects assumptions and analyses based on the Debtors' experience and perception of historical trends, current conditions, and expected future developments, as well as other factors that the Debtors consider appropriate under the circumstances. Whether actual future results and developments will be consistent with the Debtors' expectations and assumptions depends on a number of factors, including but not limited to the Debtors' (a) ability to obtain adequate liquidity and financing sources; (b) ability to maintain the public's confidence in the Debtors' viability as a continuing entity and enterprise and to attract and retain sufficient business; and (c) ability to retain key employees, as well as the overall strength and stability of general economic conditions of industries in which the Company operates. The failure of any of these factors could materially adversely affect the successful reorganization of the Debtors' businesses.

#### C. Other Considerations

#### 1. The Debtors May Be Adversely Affected by Litigation

The Debtors may become parties to litigation, and litigation in which the Debtors are already a party may not be resolved in their favor. In general, litigation can be expensive and time consuming to bring or defend. Litigation could result in settlements or damages that could

significantly affect the Debtors' financial positions. It is also possible that certain parties will commence litigation with respect to the treatment of their Claims under the Plan. It is not possible to predict the potential litigation that the Debtors may become party to, nor the final resolution of any litigation. The impact of any such litigation on the Debtors' business and financial stability, however, could be material.

# ARTICLE IX. CERTAIN MATERIAL UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES OF THE PLAN TO THE DEBTORS

The following discussion is a summary of certain material U.S. federal income tax consequences of the Plan, is for general information purposes only, and should not be relied upon for purposes of determining the specific tax consequences of the Plan with respect to a particular holder of a Claim or Interest. This discussion does not purport to be a complete analysis or listing of all potential tax considerations.

This discussion is based on existing provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "IRC"), existing and proposed Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder, and current administrative rulings and court decisions. Legislative, judicial, or administrative changes or interpretations enacted or promulgated after the date hereof could alter or modify the analyses set forth below with respect to the U.S. federal income tax consequences of the Plan. Any such changes or interpretations may be retroactive and could significantly affect the U.S. federal income tax consequences of the Plan.

No ruling has been requested or obtained from the Internal Revenue Service (the "<u>IRS</u>") with respect to any tax aspects of the Plan and no opinion of counsel has been sought or obtained with respect thereto. No representations or assurances are being made to the Holders of Claims or Interests with respect to the U.S. federal income tax consequences described herein.

ACCORDINGLY, THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY OF CERTAIN U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR CAREFUL TAX PLANNING AND ADVICE BASED UPON THE INDIVIDUAL CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO A HOLDER OF A CLAIM OR INTEREST. ALL HOLDERS OF CLAIMS OR INTERESTS ARE URGED TO CONSULT THEIR OWN TAX ADVISORS FOR THE FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL AND NON-U.S. INCOME AND OTHER TAX CONSEQUENCES OF THE PLAN.

#### A. Tax Status of Compute North Holdings, Inc.

Holdings is and since its formation has been treated as a corporation for federal tax purposes. The Debtors that are organized as limited liability companies and that are directly or indirectly wholly-owned by Holdings are each disregarded as an entity separate from Holdings. Accordingly, the gain, loss or income from debt discharge with respect to any transaction engaged in by a Debtor organized as a limited liability company and that is directly or indirectly wholly-owned by Holdings will be reported on Holdings' federal income tax return.

## B. Certain Federal Income Tax Consequences to the Debtors for U.S. Federal Income Tax Purposes

Section 382 of the IRC contains certain rules limiting the ability of corporations to utilize NOLs when there has been an "ownership change" (the "<u>Annual Section 382 Limitation</u>"). An "ownership change" generally is defined as a more than 50 percentage point change in ownership of the value of the stock of a "loss corporation" (a corporation with NOLs) that takes place during the three-year period ending on the date on which such change in ownership is tested.

As a general rule, the Annual Section 382 Limitation equals the product of the value of the stock of the loss corporation (with certain adjustments) immediately before the ownership change and the applicable "long-term tax-exempt rate," a rate published monthly by the Treasury Department (2.97% for ownership changes that occur during November 2022). Any unused portion of the Annual Section 382 Limitation generally is available for use in subsequent years. The Annual Section 382 Limitation is increased in the case of a corporation that has net unrealized built-in gains ("NUBIG"), i.e., gains economically accrued but unrecognized at the time of the ownership change, in excess of a threshold amount. Such a corporation can generally use NOLs in excess of its Annual Section 382 Limitation to the extent that it recognizes those NUBIGs for U.S. federal income tax purposes in the five years following the ownership change.

In addition to limiting a corporation's ability to use NOLs, the Annual Section 382 Limitation may also apply to certain losses or deductions which are "built-in" as of the date of the ownership change and that are subsequently recognized. If a loss corporation has a net-unrealized built-in loss ("NUBIL") at the time of the ownership change, then any built-in losses or deductions (which for this purpose includes a portion of the depreciation or amortization of depreciable or amortizable assets that have a built-in loss) that are recognized during the following five years (up to the amount of the original built-in loss) generally will be subject to the Annual Section 382 Limitation. Absent an applicable exception (discussed below), a NUBIL would also be subject to the Annual Section 382 Limitation.

Section 382(1)(5) of the IRC provides an exception to the application of the Annual Section 382 Limitation when a corporation is under the jurisdiction of a court in a Title 11 case (the "382(1)(5) Bankruptcy Exception"). The 382(1)(5) Bankruptcy Exception provides that where an ownership change occurs pursuant to a bankruptcy reorganization or similar proceeding, the Annual Section 382 Limitation will not apply if the pre-change shareholders and/or "qualified creditors" (as defined by the IRC and applicable Treasury Regulations) own at least 50 percent of the stock of the reorganized corporation immediately after the ownership change.

In the present case it is expected that Holdings will undergo an ownership change as a result of the implementation of the Plan. Moreover, the Debtors do not expect the 382(l)(5) Exception to apply as pre-change shareholders and pre-change creditors will not own equity in Holdings after the ownership change. Consequently, those Debtors' NOLs, if any, are expected to be significantly limited or eliminated by the Annual Section 382 Limitation.

#### C. Wind-Down Transactions

Transactions engaged in by Holdings and its directly or indirectly wholly-owned limited liability company subsidiaries pursuant to the Wind-Down Restructuring may generate gain, loss, cancellation of indebtedness income or a combination thereof. The consummation of these transactions may reduce the Debtors' NOLs.

#### D. Reservation of Rights

The foregoing discussion is subject to change (possibly substantially) based on, among other things, subsequent changes to the Plan and events that may subsequently occur that may impact the timeline for the transactions contemplated by the Plan. The Debtors and their advisors reserve the right to further modify, revise or supplement this <u>Article IX</u> and the other tax related sections of the Plan and Disclosure Statement in accordance with the terms of the Plan and the Bankruptcy Code.

This summary discussion does not include any description of the U.S. federal, state, local, non-U.S. income or other tax consequences to equity owners of Holdings or to creditors of the Debtors. In particular, without limitation, this summary does not address the income or other tax consequences to such persons of any gain or loss recognition or income from discharge of indebtedness resulting from the transactions described or contemplated hereunder. All such equity owners and creditors should consult with their own tax advisors regarding the above mentioned and any other consequences of the transactions described or contemplated hereunder.

### ARTICLE X. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

In the opinion of the Debtors, the Plan is preferable to all other available alternatives and provides for a larger distribution to the Debtors' creditors than would otherwise result from any other scenario. Any alternative to confirmation of the Plan, moreover, could result in extensive delays and increased administrative expenses. Accordingly, the Debtors urge holders of Claims in the Voting Classes to evidence their acceptance of the Plan by returning their Ballots so that they are received by the Solicitation Agent no later than 4:00 p.m., prevailing Central Time, on January 4, 2023.

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Dated: November 23, 2022 **COMPUTE NORTH HOLDINGS, INC.**, on behalf of itself and the other Debtor Entities.

/s/ Drake Harvey Drake Harvey President

### EXHIBIT A

### Plan of Liquidation

(INTENTIONALLY OMITTED)

### EXHIBIT B

**Liquidation Analysis** 

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